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A Russian propaganda poster demonising Hitler

DENISOV, Viktor Nikolaevich.

[Cyrillic title - 'Nowhere to Hide! The fanatic will get his just desserts! All living things hate him! He will receive no mercy!']

Moscow: State Publishing House, 1945. Zincograph, sheet 685 x 525mm.

£3,500

A caricature of Adolf Hitler with unkept hair, pointed nose and ears, rabid eyes and lolling tongue. His Death's-Head cap is battered, with the swastika and peak broken. A paper titled 'In the Underground' protrudes from his overcoat. The artist, Viktor Nikolaevich Denisov (1893-1946), was a leading Soviet poster artist, using the pseudonym Viktor Deni. He produced many Bolshevik propaganda posters, before becoming a political cartoonist for 'Pravda' in 1921. When the Second World War began he returned to propaganda posters such as this. According to the inscription, 75,000 examples were printed by the Litizdat, the printers of 'Pravda' in Leningrad, priced at 1 Rouble, 50 Kopecs.

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