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(Ukraine) Схематична карта основних автомобільних шляхів УРСР | Українська РСР [Ukrainian SSR | Schematic overview of the Ukrainian SSR highways]

Stock#: 94273
Map Maker: Korolyova M. O.
Date: 1953
Place: Kiev
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 28 x 18.75 inches
Price: \$ 495.00



Description:

Fascinating map of Ukraine at the start of the Cold War, showing the major transport links, completed and planned, through the country.

The map shows highways, paved roads, unpaved roads, and distances between major cities. Provincial boundaries and other internal boundaries, as well as borders with other Soviet Socialist Republics, are all denoted.

The map shows the Crimean peninsula as connected to Ukraine but separated by an international border. In 1953, shortly after the map was published, the Soviet government made the decision to transfer the Crimean Peninsula from the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic to the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, effectively uniting Crimea with Ukraine. This decision was part of a larger administrative reorganization aimed at strengthening the economic and political ties between the different regions of the Soviet Union.

The map includes several hand annotations updating the names of various cities. For example, Voroshilovgrad became Luhansk in 1958 (and reverted back in 1970), giving a window for when the map may have been used.

The legend in the lower left translates as follows:

1. Primary highways
2. Paved roads for vehicles weighing 3 tons



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3. Dirt roads
4. Distances between populated points
5. State-level roads under construction

Detailed Condition:

Folding map with blue covers, dissected and mounted on linen. Minor fold toning. Some hand-annotations.