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Survey of Cyprus Administration & Road Map

Stock#: 96696
Map Maker: Department of Lands & Surveys,
Cyprus
Date: 1975
Place: Cyprus
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 34.7 x 21.5 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Survey of Cyprus Administration & Road Map, produced in 1975 as the first edition, presents a comprehensive geographical view of Cyprus, based on the Topographical Map of Cyprus, Scale 1:50,000, Series K.717. The map is a culmination of precise efforts by the Department of Lands and Surveys in Cyprus, Series D.L.S. 14, revealing in detail the administrative divisions, roadways, settlements, and key landmarks. It is distinguished by its depth of information, with annotations including even the minutiae of village populations based on ethnicity, as per the census taken in 1960.

The latter half of the 20th century, particularly the 1970s, was a critical period in the history of Cyprus. The decade bore witness to the culmination of longstanding tensions, leading to the Turkish invasion in 1974 and the subsequent de facto partition of the island into the Turkish Cypriot north and the Greek Cypriot south. The map's details, from district boundaries to the clear distinction between purely Greek and purely Turkish villages, resonate deeply with the island's complex socio-political landscape during this period.

In addition to its historical value, the map's detailing of "Ancient Sites" such as Salamis and key "Antiquities of interest" emphasizes the island's rich archaeological heritage, providing a reminder of its layered past. These notations, juxtaposed with contemporary elements like the distinction between hard and loose-surfaced roads, railway lines for carrying ore, and the locations of lighthouses and airfields, demonstrate the marriage of antiquity and modernity that is emblematic of Cyprus.

Equally noteworthy are the map's technical attributes. The contour distinctions, varying between 0 to 1800 meters, are elaborated with a clear vertical interval delineation, ensuring precision for topographical understanding. Moreover, the mention of "Trigonometrical Stations" and the specificity of "Height in meters" reflect a commitment to exactitude in representation. The confluence of historical, cultural, and



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technical elements renders this map an invaluable piece for those interested in the tapestry of Cypriot history and geography.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map with minor toning at folds.