

MARKING THE CENTENARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YAKUT ASSR

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We start publishing materials dedicated to the centenary of the establishment of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). In this issue, we publish a review of a book by Doctor of Medical Sciences V. Nikolaev about healthcare workers who received the 15 Years of the ASSR badge, one of the highest awards of the young Autonomous Republic.

Over the hundred years since the establishment of the Yakut ASSR, the Government of the Republic has established many awards, but the 15 Years of the ASSR badge is one of the first highest awards of the Autonomous Republic. Doctor of Medical Science V. Nikolaev, editorial board member of the Siberian Research journal, specialist in the History of Medicine, published a book about this award at the Dani Diamond publishing house and talked about the healthcare workers who had received this badge. The book is titled “The Award for Exemplary Work in Health Authorities Goes to...”¹. It contains a great number of copies of archival documents and historical photographs of the period. The 15 Years of the ASSR badge has now become a rarity for collectors. Its price at Moscow auctions reaches RUB 350,000.



Established by the Decree of the Presidium of the Yakut Central Executive Committee No. 14 dated April 13, 1937. The first print run was 300 copies made of gilded silver in Moscow at the Osoaviakhim factory in 1938. 150 copies of tombac with gilding and silvering were reprinted in the Leningrad Mint in May 1941. The badge was given to 447 people – leaders of production, scientists, culture, health workers, Soviet and party workers.

¹ The Award for Exemplary Work in Health Authorities Goes to.../edited and compiled by V. Nikolaev. Yakutsk: Dani Diamond, 2021, 105 p. illustrated