

Brezhnev Awards Honecker the Order of the October Revolution in St. Catherine Hall of the Kremlin (November 1, 1977)

Abstract

In 1977, an SED delegation led by Erich Honecker arrived in Moscow to attend celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the October Revolution. On November 1, 1977, CPSU head Leonid Brezhnev bestowed the Order of the October Revolution on his guest. Honecker's role in establishing friendly relations between the Soviet Union and the GDR, his contributions to the "consolidation of peace and socialism," and his 65th birthday were all honored that day. The Supreme Soviet had instituted the Order on October 31, 1967, the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution, to honor outstanding service in the name of communism. By the time Honecker was recognized, the Order had already been bestowed on 18 cities, 350 "work collectives," and 83,000 deserving individuals.

Source



Source: Erich Honecker (left), Leonid Brezhnev (right) in St. Catherine Hall of the Moscow Kremlin. Date: November 1, 1977. Location: Moscow. Photo: Alfred Paszkowiak.
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