

The Mao Era in Objects

Washbasin: Lanzhou 'Prize'



TITLE

Lanzhou 'Prize' washbasin

DATE

1973-1-4

CREATOR

Lanzhou Worker Brand, Manufactured by Lanzhou Enamel Factory

PUBLISHER

N/A

RIGHTS

Personal collection. Permission granted.

DESCRIPTION

Vitreous enamel washbasins were made as prizes for the winners of the Socialist Labor Competition. The center of the basin is stenciled with the character 'Prize' (奖 *jiang*); the interior wall is inscribed 'Socialist Labor Competition' (*Shehui zhuyi laodong jingsai* 社会主义劳动竞赛). 'Competition' 赛 is written in a simplified form that is no longer in use. The factory seal (not shown) reads 'Lanzhou Enamel Factory' (*Lanzhou tangci chang* 兰州搪瓷厂).