

Zhukov N. "Surround the orphan [with] maternal affection and love!" 1947
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Joseph Stalin modeled himself as the leader and paternal figure of the Soviet Union. In this image, he is depicted in the background holding a young Buryat-Mongol girl named Engelsina Markizova. Stalin's photograph with Markizova was used in the Soviet Union as propaganda to show Stalin as a benevolent ruler and the father of the nation. Unbeknownst to many Soviet people, Markizova's parents were killed in the Great Purge.