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BACK IN THE USSR

Nothing quite says the holidays like big, colorful, WWII-era posters exhorting the Soviet people to defeat the Nazis.

New Yorkers can get a look at 14 of the 1,240 propaganda posters created by artists and writers for the Okna TASS studio in Moscow after the Nazis invaded the USSR in 1941 — they're up for the exhibition **"Die, Nazi Scum! Soviet TASS Propaganda Posters 1941-1945"** at the **Andrew Edlin Gallery** (134 10th Ave., 212-206-9723, edlingallery.com).

The posters, often referred to as "TASS windows," are stenciled, hand-painted and filled with caricatures. And as large as 5-by-3-feet, they pack a big message, too.