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Fantastic Soviet Propaganda

SOURCE KNOWN BUT DELETED: From Polish Marchant seamen aboard
M/S "Mickiewicz" .

DATE OF OBSERVATION: November 1951.

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The crew of the M/S "Mickiewicz" which just came back from ODESSA told that in an illustrated magazine for young Soviets called "Ogoniok" and on a big poster pasted on the walls at the entrance of the ODESSA harbor there is a beautiful photograph of the M/S "Gruzja" (previously Polish M/S "Sobieski.") Under the photo the following is written in Russian:

"Gruzja" - the Miracle of Soviet Shipbuilding Technique. (This is the essence of the original, although it may not be precisely the same wording, inasmuch as the sailors do not remember it word for word.)

It would really be a miracle if the Soviet shipyards could build a ship like this. Unfortunately, one cannot even speak of miracles in STALIN's Russia.

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According to information received by the ROME office the M/S "Sobieski" was built in the Monfalcone shipyards in Italy, together with the M/S "Batory."

EVAL. COMMENT: A typical example of the Soviet falsehood propaganda using every kind of coarsest lies.
M/S "Sobieski" renamed "Gruzja" was sold to the Soviets by the Polish government and handed to the Soviet Navy on the 15 and following days of March 1950.