

**Source Note for: *Hart auf hart. 15 Jahre Ingenieur in Sowjetrußland. Ein Tatsachenbericht; mit 52 Original-Leicaaufnahmen des Verfassers, 1939.***

Collection: Alexander Wienerberger: Beyond the Innitzer Album

Wienerberger, Alexander. *Hart auf hart. 15 Jahre Ingenieur in Sowjetrußland. Ein Tatsachenbericht; mit 52 Original-Leicaaufnahmen des Verfassers.* Salzburg, Leipzig: Pustet, 1939.

The title loosely translates as: *A tough challenge. 15 years as an engineer in Soviet Russia. A factual report; with 52 original Leica photographs by the author.*

*Hart auf hart* was Alexander Wienerberger's memoir of his career as a chemical engineer and technical manager in the Soviet Union through most of 1917 – 1933. Three of the chapters deal exclusively with his period in Ukraine, where he was tasked with retrofitting and managing a factory in Kharkiv from autumn 1932 – late summer 1933.

As stated in the title, the memoir includes 52 of his photos, 42 of which are from Ukraine. The remaining photos depict scenes from of his time in Moscow and during his convalescent stay in Crimea, which at that time, was not a part of Soviet Ukraine. The non-Ukraine photos are not represented in the Directory and are primarily of a personal or tourist nature.

The book was initially serialized in 28 installments with 7 photographs in an Austrian newspaper, the *Salzburger Volksblatt*. The series ran under the title "Abenteuer in Sowjetrußland," [Adventures in Soviet Russia] in November and December 1938.