

Not guilty; findings of the 1937 commission chaired by John Dewey investigating the charges against Leon Trotsky in the Moscow Trials. (reprint, 1938)

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In 1937, the Commission of Inquiry into the Charges Made against Leon Trotsky in the Moscow Trials, chaired by American philosopher John Dewey and including other prominent members of the progressive and radical left, conducted a months-long inquiry into the charges leveled against Trotsky at the Moscow show trials orchestrated by Stalin and his allies. Making its findings public in September of that same year, the Commission not only cleared Trotsky, a leader of the Russian Revolution, of all charges, but also concluded that the general "conduct of the Moscow trials was such as to convince any unprejudiced person that no effort was made to ascertain the truth" and found "the Moscow trials to be frame-ups" — years before the 1956 revelations of Nikita Khrushchev to the 20th Party Congress of the Soviet Union began to prompt a much wider recognition of the fraudulent nature of the Moscow proceedings. This volume reproduces the full findings of the commission. Appendices include a biographical index of the accused and other information. This is a paperbound edition of a work first published in 1938. A companion volume from Pathfinder Press, *The Case of Leon Trotsky*, reproduces the extensive testimony of Trotsky for the commission. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)