

BOOK REVIEW

The Challenge of the Left Opposition (1926-27)

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The second volume in a series of writing by the Trotskyist opposition in the 1920s. (v.1, CHOICE, Feb. 1976). The polemical and oversimplified editorial commentary of the first volume continues in the introduction and editorial notes of the second, but unlike the first, this one contains a number of works that represent the collective authorship of the left opposition as well as Trotsky's work. The collection includes letters, commentaries, political communications, memoranda, speeches, and programmatic statements. These documents cover a wide range of subjects, including Trotsky's and the left opposition's views on political alliances and factionalism, the political struggle in the party, economic policy, bureaucracy in the party and the state, international communism, and the Comintern. Many of the documents presented in this second volume are published for the first time in English, and some are published for the first time anywhere. Upper-division undergraduate level and above.