

BOOK REVIEW

**Workers of the World and Oppressed Peoples Unite!**

*Proceedings and documents of the Second Congress, 1920*

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These volumes are the fourth installment in a series that will cover the formative years of international communism to Lenin's death in 1923. According to the editor, at least three more parts remain to be published. Until now, those interested in the proceedings of the Second Congress of the Communist International (held July-August 1920) were forced to make do with flawed records in German and Russian. This is the definitive version. Some sense of the labor involved in this edition is evident from even a cursory examination of the notes appended to the text. Interesting photographs, a glossary containing capsule biographies of participants, sketches of various organizations, and an index further add to the usefulness of these volumes. Anyone interested in 20th-century political history is in the debt of those who made them possible. Should be in all academic libraries.