

BOOK REVIEW

Che Guevara on Economics and Politics in the Transition to Socialism

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The new version of Tablada's classic book on Che Guevara's thoughts on politics and economics is well worth the wait. The detailed analysis of Guevara's plans for the early years of the Cuban revolutionary process is excellent, while his views on the necessary moral values, on leadership, and on internationalism remind us of the extraordinary world view that he possessed. Likewise, his warnings about reining in excessive bureaucracy, and the need for solid economic planning, offer advice for current leaders, both in Cuba and abroad. The valuable photographs and substantial footnotes are also particularly helpful in understanding the significance of Che Guevara's contribution to the Cuban revolution.