

Che Guevara's Bolivian Diary



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The Bolivian Dairy of Ernesto Che Guevara, out of print fro many years in English, has just been published in a new edition by **Pathfinder press**.

Guevara, born in Argentina, was a central-leader of the U.S. backed Batista dictatorship. Since his death 27 years ago at the hands of the Bolivian military and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), he has remained a symbol of the Cuban revolution, and of its unstinting support for the struggles of workers and farmers worldwide.

The Bolivian Dairy of Ernesto Che Guevara tells the story of the painstaking effort organized by Guevara to forge a fighting movement of workers and peasants that could win the battle for land and national sovereignty and open the socialist revolution on the South American continent. His day-to-day chronicle of the eleven-month querrila campaign in 1966-67 is a powerful narrative providing insight into the practical activity, leadership capacities, and political thinking of one of the outstanding communist leaders of the twentieth century. It also sheds light into the Cuban revolution itself and the U.S. government's 35-years effort to destroy it.

In today's world of deepening economics crisis, political instability, and social upheavals, the revolutionary message of Ernesto Che Guevara's Bolivian Dairy and other writings will find a response among growing layers of working people and youth. As editor Mary-Alice Waters writes in the introduction:: this book is not primarily a "book about the past, nor a `manual' of revolutions, but an irreplaceable set of working notes helping us to understand the present and prepare to meet the future."

This newly translated edition also contains letters and political statements written by Guevara in Bolivia, as well as extensive excerpts from the dairies and accounts of other combatants, including "My Campaign with Che" by Bolivian leader Inti Peredo. Much of this material appear for the first time in English.

The Bolivian Dairy of Ernesto Che Guevara, \$21.95, will be available in bookstores November 15. It can also be obtained through Pathfinder, 410 West Street, New York NY 10014; fax 212727-0150.