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The Turn to Industry
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Synopsis: The proletariat is that class of wage-earners in an economic society whose only possession of significant material value is their labor-power (how much work they can do). A member of such a class is a proletarian. (Wikipedia)

"The Turn to Industry: Forging a Proletarian Party" by Jack Barnes (who is the National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party) is about the working-class program, composition, and course of conduct of the only kind of party worthy of the name revolutionary in this current and imperialist epoch.

A Proletarian Part is the only kind of party that can recognize the most revolutionary fact of this epoch -- the worth of working people, and our power to change society when we organize and act against the capitalist class in all its economic, social, and political forms.

"The Turn to Industry" is specifically about building just such a party within the United States as well as in other capitalist countries around the world.

Critique: Enhanced for the reader with occasional black/white illustrations, "The Turn to Industry: Forging a Proletarian Party" is an exceptional and clarion call for political, cultural, and economic reform that is especially focused upon the United States. As informed and informative as it is thoughtful and thought-provoking, "The Turn to Industry" is unreservedly recommended for both community and academic library Contemporary Political Science collections in general, and in particular, the personal reading lists of students, academia, political activists, social reformers, and non-specialist general readers with an interest in the subject.