

## BOOK REVIEW

### **The History of American Trotskyism, 1923-1938**

*Report of a Participant*

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What is now the Socialist Workers Party began in this country much as any revolutionary party begins—as a scattering of radical groups and individual dialecticians following their own firm (sometimes fanatic) beliefs—factions that would seem impossible to blend into a unified organization. It is tremendously interesting to read of the coalescing of this group from one who participated in the movement as a major figure. This book is a series of lectures which Cannon presented in 1942 “to revolutionists who wanted to learn from the experiences of those who had proceeded them in the struggle to change the world.” As history and personal statement, it is a book that many will find particularly relevant.