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Trade Unions in the Epoch of Imperialist Decay

This volume collects essays by prominent communist theoretician Leon Trotsky on the role of trade unions in capitalism and its overthrow that were written between 1920 and 1940, as well as a prologue, "Trade Unions: Their Past, Present and Future," written by Karl Marx and adopted by the 1866 congress of the First International Working Men's Association. The essays are organized into two sections, the first of which examines problems of trade union strategy and tactics and consists of essays primarily written in the 1930s and the second of which is primarily concerned with countering anarcho-syndicalist tendencies within the trade union movement and consists of essays primarily written in the decade prior. Each section also includes a preface by Farrell Dobbs, a prominent historical figure of the Socialist Workers Party in the United States. This is a paperbound edition of a work first published in 1969. (Annotation ©2011 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

Origins of Materialism

This is a reprint of a 1965 book in which American communist politician and Marxist theoretician Novack (1905-1992) examines the first steps in the development of the materialist conception of the world, from its emergence among the Ionian Greeks through its elaboration in Greco-Roman society. The text is a sequel and supplement to Novack's earlier work, *An Introduction to the Logic of Marxism*, which outlined the main ideas of the dialectical method of thought but included minimal reference to the materialistic foundations of Marxism; this volume focuses on the materialistic roots of the Marxist outlook. (Annotation ©2011 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)