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Capitalism's World Disorder

This volume reproduces five talks given by Barnes, the National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, between 1992 and 1998, as well as discussions and conference summaries regarding the talks. The talks, penned in response to current events of the day, address deflation and finance capital, the politics of the 1992 presidential campaigns of Ross Perot and Patrick Buchanan, youth and the communist movement, and the spreading global systemic crises of capitalism. This is a paperbound edition of a work originally published in 1999, including two photo sections and index. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

Fighting Racism in World War II

This volume collects articles, pamphlets, letters, and other materials from the press of the Socialist Workers Party in the United States (which emerged out of the Communist Party USA) concerning the politics of race, war and the fight for Black rights during World War II. Taken together, these articles (from the Socialist Appeal from 1939 to 1941 and the Militant newsweekly thereafter) tell a little-known story, in which the roots of the explosive civil rights struggles of the 1950s and '60s can be found. This is a paperbound edition of a work first published in 1980. With chronology, glossary, index and annotation. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

The Inevitable Battle: From the Bay of Pigs to Playa Girón

Rodríguez provides a lively, if not impartial, version of the unsuccessful 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion that aimed to overthrow the young revolutionary government led by Fidel Castro - and why it was defeated. Using Cuban government archives and interviews with Cuban militia members as well as declassified U.S. government documents, the Cuban author, a literacy teacher at the time of the invasion, provides many details and anecdotes of the event that cost lives on both sides and greatly embarrassed the new president, John F. Kennedy. Numerous photographs are included. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)