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Revolutionary Continuity, v. 1

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Revolutionary Continuity, v. 2

This is the second and final volume in an incomplete series by Dobbs (the National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party from 1953 to 1972) that had been planned to historically trace the efforts of revolutionary Marxists in the United States to develop "the cadres of a proletarian revolutionary party needed to lead the fight to end capitalist rule, establish a workers' and farmers' government, and open the road to a socialist order" from its beginning roots in European Marxism through to the 1960s. This volume covers the years 1918 to 1922, a time of tumultuous working class struggles across Europe, the United States, and Asia; and the years in which the Communist International sought to build parties that could lead these battles to revolutionary victories. Dobbs' narrative continues along the key lines he explores in the first volume: the fight to organize the working class into industrial trade unions; the fight for political and social consciousness and action by the workers' movement; and the fight for an independent working class political party. Dobbs completed two volumes reaching to the year 1922 before his death in 1983. Revolutionary Continuity is primarily a historical discussion based on previous narratives and the written record of participants. Later volumes were to incorporate Dobbs's recollections of his own personal involvement in seeking to build a proletarian vanguard party. An appendix includes 4 letters from Lenin to left-wing socialists in the United States referenced in the text. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

The Changing Face of US Politics

Barnes, the national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party (US), lays out the perspective of the party on contemporary American politics, based on the party's contention that the working class is at center stage in politics. He offers analysis of the declining curve of capitalist development since the 1970s and of the lessons learned by the party in doing revolutionary work inside the unions. A significant focus of the work is on the necessity of leading the party into the ranks of industrial workers and their unions, which the party began refocusing on in 1978. The material is primarily composed of reports given by Barnes and resolutions adopted by the SWP as it debated its strategy over the course of the 1980s and 1990s. Also available in Spanish, French, and Swedish editions. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

Women and the Cuban Revolution

The relatively successful struggle for women's liberation in Cuba has been, in the words of Fidel Castro, a revolution within the revolution. This volume collects materials that provide a

perspective on the struggle from the viewpoint of key participants in Cuba's revolution. They include accounts of the early years of women's involvement in the Cuban Revolution from Vilma Espín, an important figure in the underground movement against Batista and later president of the Federation of Cuban Women and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba; three speeches by Fidel Castro; and a Communist Party thesis "On the full exercise of women's equality." An introduction by the editor provides historical context. The 1974 Cuban maternity law for working women and excerpts from the 1975 Family Code are also included as an appendix. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)