

## BOOK REVIEW

### **Ten Years: History and Principles of the Left Opposition**

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For over a decade, from 1929 till 1940, Trotsky watched every turn and twist of Stalin's policy from his enforced exile. A great man of action as well as a superb writer and political analyst, he carried on a running commentary on the international affairs of the Soviet Party in his *Bulletin of the Opposition*; he parried Stalin's slanders with all the brilliance of his polemics and sharpness of his invective; in the face of Stalin's falsifications, he was relentless in the pursuit of truth.

Today even the most specialized libraries seldom possess a complete run of Trotsky's paper. By reprinting the *Bulletin* in its entirety, Monad Press has made available a set of historical documents absolutely essential for any scholarly study of the Soviet Union and has thereby rendered valuable service to all those whose interest in the subject extends to primary sources.

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