

REVIEW OF CHINA BOOK

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The situation. That the Chinese revolution of 1925-1927 proved to be a tragedy...

The book deals with the revolution in a semi-colonial country, in which the young bourgeoisie and the proletariat...

It was with this in mind that Marx, drawing the lessons of the uprisings of 1848, wrote to the Communist League in 1850...

China and Russia

With this in mind, it is a happy coincidence that comrade Trotsky's work on China appears at the same time as his history of the Russian revolution...

After the February revolution in Russia, the workers were urged by Chernov and Tseretelli (and, let us add, by Stalin) to support the national bourgeoisie...

But while in Russia this miserable Menshevik burlesque of Marxism was swept off the stage of events by the Russian revolution and the Comintern, authority usurped and violated by the present ruling clique...

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But that is only an additional reason

Industrialization and the Collectivization of Agriculture in the U. S. S. R.

At the present time, when even the bourgeois world, harassed by its deep crisis, is grudgingly conceding the advantages of plan in economy and the entire Communist world has come to accept it...

The Origins of the Struggle

The introduction of plan into Soviet economy can be traced as far back as July 1920. The whole railroad and transportation system was a wreck. All attempts at progress were shattered against this obstacle...

The question of long-term planned economy was raised more sharply in 1923 by comrade Trotsky. Unaltered this time by a Lenin who had already been compelled to withdraw from the party councils...

In the appendix will be found Zinoviev's thesis in May 1927 which, while not identical with Trotsky's position, is filled with important facts. The suppressed speech of Vuyovitch at the Eighth Plenum is also among the appendices...

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scattered, individualistic agriculture. The critics of the Opposition, be it said in passing, never stopped to explain the "contradiction" (created by themselves) in their claim, first, that Trotsky was opposed to building socialism in Russia...

From 1923 on, the Opposition pointed out, as Lenin said, that the only material foundation for socialism is large machine industry capable of reorganizing agriculture as well...

First Reactions of the Bureaucracy
How did the bureaucracy reply? These "practical people" who would not allow themselves to be taken in by "fantastic ideas" about planning for years in advance...

The Platform of 1927
The 1927 platform of the Opposition was the most elaborate and definite proposal it had presented to the party, and this was undoubtedly one of the reasons why it was so rabidly attacked...

But the Kulak was growing in strength and beginning to dominate not only the country-side but also beginning to permeate the party—a whole section of it—with his ideology. The first two years of struggle of the Opposition finally bore fruit in the revolt of the revolutionary Leningrad proletariat in 1925...

The Slogan: "Enrich Yourself"
To the already well-to-do peasant Bucharin cried out the advice: Enrich yourself! Kalinin made as lazezy denouncing the poor peasants as laches good-for-nothings because they did not accumulate and praising the diligence and industry of the "economically powerful peasant"...

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paratus gave birth to the highly ingenious idea that if "the worst comes to the worst," the Soviets could "withdraw" to the position of the "old Bolshevik slogan of the democratic dictatorship of the proletariat and peasantry"!

In 1925, that is, even before the 1927 platform of the Opposition bloc, comrade Trotsky once more wrote in detail about the tremendous possibilities which the concentration of economic and political power in the hands of a proletarian dictatorship offered for the progress of socialism...

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in the villages against the Left wing. And in the proletarians in the meantime, disturbed by the city, were assured by Stalin and Bucharin that there was no danger whatsoever from the Kulaks, that there were some, it is true, but not enough to worry about...

Rykov did not have long to wait. Not two months passed after the expulsion of Trotsky, Zinoviev and the rest of the Left wing, before the Kulak, feeling himself rid of the Bolshevists in the Russian party launched the notorious "bloodless uprising" of February 1928.

Even further, only a few months were required in the application of the original Five Year Plan of Rykov-Stalin in order to demonstrate how thoroughly founded had been the Opposition's criticism of its inadequacy.

It is not within the purview of this article to deal with what has happened to the plan for industrialization and collectivization under the numerous zig-zags to ultra-Leftism and back to opportunism which Stalin has made since the end of 1928.

The essential, positive features of the Five Year Plan, the phenomenal successes which a proletariat in power has been able to show in the realm of industrial progress, these are a debt which is owed exclusively to the unremitting struggle of the Opposition, and that is how the records of history will register it.

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