Book Review

By JACK TAYLOR "TROTSKYISM is the vanguard of the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie. . . . That is why the attempts of certain litterateurs' and 'historians' to smuggle the disguised Trotskyite rubbish into our literature must encounter determined resistance from the Bolsheviks." - Joseph Stalin, Questions Concerning the History of Bolshevism. 1932. International Publishers.

. . . and cannot dispose of the real his- 1917 . . . A practical center is electory of the October Revolution and ted to take charge of organizing of the perspectives of the Bolshe- the uprising. Who is elected to viks when they decided upon the this center? Five were elected to seizure of power in 1917. From it: Sverdlov, Stalin, Dzerzhinsky, many sources and in many ways Bubnov and Uritzky . . . Comrade the Leninist interpretation of rev- Trotsky did not get on the practical olutionary events and perspectives center, which was called upon to of the October Revolution reach the lead the uprising. How can this surface. To label the Leninist in- be reconciled with the current noterpretation of the revolutionary tion about Comrade Trotsky's speevents and perspectives as "coun- cial role?" (Stalin's October Revter-revolutionary Trotskyism" did olution, p. 71.) not, as the documents show, prevent Stalin from taking the road of "counter-revolution" in his earlier tion how it is that Trotsky, who and the ruled. The Supreme Court, lief Board and to the state WPA interpretation of the revolutionary did not get on the "practical cen- appointed for life and practically

Who Is Counter-Revolutionary?

the counter-revolutionary bourgeoi- the uprising"? A truthful man sie its intellectual weapon against need not fear saying two different Bolshevism in the form of the thesis things at two different times. Only of the impossibility of building so- falsifiers have the quality of concialism in our country . . .?" In tradicting themselves at every turn. looking for the answer to this ques- For Stalin, you see, tells us on tion, let us turn to page 48, Stalin's page 71 of the above mentioned "The October Revolution."

matter is that the seizure of power the October uprising," forgetting by the proletariat occurred under that on page 30 of the same work peculiar conditions, domestic and he tells us the exact opposite: "All foreign, which placed their imprint practical work in connection with on the entire work of the party the organization of the uprising after it seized power. In the first was done under the immediate diplace, Russia is economically back- rection of Comrade Trotsky, the ward; it cannot of its own strength president of the Petrograd Soviet. set aright the transport system, de. It can be stated with certainty that velop industry and electrify the the party is indebted primarily and urban and rural industries. . . . If principally to Comrade Trotsky for Russia had as a neighbor a big, in- the rapid going over of the garrison dustrially developed Soviet state or to the side of the Soviet and the several Soviet states, it easily could efficient manner in which the work have established co-operation with of the Military Revolutionary Comsuch states on the basis of an ex- mittee was organized." change of raw material for ma- History will have its revenge! chines and equipment. However, And when it does, Stalin's role of so long as this is not so, Soviet falsifier and grave-digger of the Russia and our party, . . . are Revolution will meet the fate reforced to seek forms and means of served for it by the onward march economic co-operation with hostile of the international proletariat. capitalist groups of the West in Already we hear the steady tread order to acquire the necessary of the iron battalions of the Fourth technique pending the victory of International. the proletarian revolution in one or several industrial capitalist countries. . . . Failing these, there is no use even thinking of serious economic construction, of electrifying the country."

years of the Revolution, when ideas tween Lenin and the October cenwhen the Stalin falsifiers did not committee was infallible, and hence and from reducing their wages to his public committee on unemployyet find it possible to distort the could make no mistakes, how could starvation levels only by the strongperspectives of October. The above serious differences arise therefore est organization and the most unrequotation is from an article by between Lenin and the central Stalin originally published in Prav- committee on the question of the da, No. 190, August 28, 1921.

"Socialism in One Country"

impossible, especially since "Rus- becomes the burning question of and a progressive leadership. sia is economically backward." But the hour. . . . Were there any difwe are anticipating a bit, for Stal- ferences of opinion within our party in in those days (1921) did not yet at that time? Yes, there were. approach the question of socialism But they were exculsively of a in one country. Stalin in those practical nature. . . ." (Stalin's days clearly stated: "Russia can- October Revolution, p. 79.) Only not of its own strength set aright slight differences "of a practical the transport system." How far nature"; nothing political involved; removed from Stalin's theory of so says Stalin. And some of us Soviet Russia's economic self-suffi- wonder: what are the falsifiers and dues of twenty-five cents per ciency. According to Stalin, in trying to hide now? What is Stalin month. 1921, the economic resources of trying to hide? Russia did not permit the "setting Behind "infallibility" Stalin an organization "made up of peraright" of the transport system tries to hide his own opposition to sons in all walks of life and . . . without economic collaboration Lenin in the October days. Stalin interested primarily in promoting with hostile capitalist groups of attempts here to hide his own sa- civic welfare." The organization, the West, "pending the victory of botage of Lenin's directives to the with a fine spirit of thoughtfulness the proletarian revolution in one or central committee in the October too often lacking in this wicked, several industrial countries."

the reactionary theory of socialism power at present, to 'wait,' to addressed a plea to the United in one country. But perhaps this 'chatter' in the Central Committee Rubber Workers of America to "rewas incidental due to "alien" in- | . . . means to ruin the revolution. | turn to the principles of the Amerletarian revolution is needed. . . . long as this has not been achieved, gagging me and at suggesting that senting the company with a plan Bill, which provides for a \$6,000,our Party must seek circuitous I retire. . . . I am compelled to for spreading the work. Should this paths of cooperating with capital- tender my resignation from the be refused, or even should it be acist groups in the economic arena." Central Committee, which I hereby cepted, no one would dare predict (Joseph Stalin, The October Rev- do. . . . " olution-p. 49.)

How far removed from the theories of 'economic self-sufficiency" because it tended to "refrain from October insurrection" and those Margaret Johnson, a young Negress homes inspired by their achievement and "socialism in one country." seizing the power" and because the revolutionists who refuse to relin- from Philadelphia, told the joint but conscious of the fact that mass The earlier international perspec- central organ of the party, with guish the revolutionary traditions tives of the Bolsheviks as indicated Stalin as editor, "deleted" and de- of Bolshevism. in the above quotations from Stalin layed the publication of Lenin's diare today taboo. Internationalism rectives to the party in connection do the Stalinists find it difficult to unemployed of her race were sub- tinue rallying the masses of jobless is labelled "counter-revolutionary with the seizure of power. ideology" and revolutionists are ex- How devastating to Stalin! To the real history of October seeps tors that the Negro people of the emergency action. iled and shot by Stalin's and Yago- continue to exist politically it be- out. Some of the pages of Stalin's state were watching their action | Steps are now under way to set

In his role of falsifier of the his- sary to slander and to persecute ary Trotskyism"!

tory of the Revolution Stalin says: "Trotsky, who was a relative newcomer in our Party in the period of October, did not and could not have played any special role in the party or in the October uprising." The same Trotsky whom the world knows as Lenin's collaborator and as the organizer of the insurrection of 1917 "did not and could not play any special role in the October uprising."

"Let us," says Stalin, "take the minutes of the meeting of the cen-"Determined resistance" does not tral committee, on October 16, We are at liberty to ask the fal-

In 1932 Stalin asks: "Who gave connection with the organization of work, that Trotsky "could not and Says Stalin: "The fact of the did not play any special role in

Differences with Lenin

infallibility upon the head of Lenin lems that arise in the lives of the the unemployed, the organizations the falsifiers hoped to extend that miners out of the decay of the coal of the jobless never having been infallibility to themselves. Infalli- industry can only be solved under consulted as to their estimates bility does away with lots of "ex-This was written in the early plaining" about the differences beseizure of power?

Speaking about the October days, As we see, the question of social- Stalin says: "The question of the ism in one country was considered transfer of power to a new class only a correct class struggle policy

days. For proof let us turn to commercial world of ours, deplores How fresh and far removed from Lenin: "To refrain from seizing the sit-downs, and three days ago

fluence upon the mind of Stalin. . . . Seeing that the Central Com- ican Federation of Labor for col-Not so. For Stalin in those days mittee has left even without an an- lective bargaining through accredconsidered it necessary to take into swer my writing insisting on such ited representatives and to end account the question of interna- a policy since the beginning of the mass bargaining and intimidation." tional economic cooperation on the Democratic Conference, that the "fraternal principle" between the Central Organ (Stalin was editor- at the instant of writing-is a "re-"progressive (industrial) countries J.T.) is deleting from my articles creation" club designed to make and the backward (fuel and raw references to such glaring errors men out of red apple boys and to material producing) countries (in of the Bolsheviks as the shameful place of the principle of robbery of decision to participate in the prethe latter by the former'. This is parliament, as giving seats to the precisely why an international pro- Mensheviks in the Presidium of the pany union members. Soviets, etc., etc.,—seeing all that, However, in order to begin (at I am compelled to recognize here the rubber industry is slackening least begin!) instituting a correct a 'gentle' hint as to the unwilling- off; the rubber plants have already world economy, the victory of the ness of the Central Committee even begun to lay off men. Tension in proletariat in at least a few ad- to consider this question (seizure the plants is acute. In an effort to vanced countries is necessary. So of power-J.T.), a gentle hint at lessen it the Firestone local is pre- the Marcantonio Relief Standards

Crystal clear! Lenin wanted to

resign from the Central Committee and to hound the "organizer of the in the state.

quish the international traditions tory of the Russian Revolution. To reach the contradiction point, sim- their conclusions soon enough.

The Death of Jobless Hit the Little NRA

(Continued from Page 1) the death of the Guffey Bill. They (Continued from Page 1) point to the Supreme Court as the Board members, to lead them in the sole culprit and ignore the role of fight. Roosevelt and Congress as accom-

plices in the crime. The Triple Play

the Supreme Court. Rarely has of \$121,000,000 as against the manner in which the executive, leg- Democrats under Governor Earle islative, and judicial arms of the and the \$43,000,000 proposed by the government work together to de- Republicans was declared to be abers with its left hand, it takes away unemployed over until the beginwith its right. Roosevelt proposes, ning of next year. The conference Congress enacts, and the Supreme Court disposes.

The American system of bourgeois democracy must operate in this fashion. The President and Congress, being elected officials, are compelled to yield now and then to the pressure of the masses and concede part of their demands. They sifiers of the history of the Revolu- act as a buffer between the rulers ter" was able to "direct"-as Stalin irremoveable, can turn a completely says-"all the practical work in deaf ear to popular clamor. They need listen only to their master's

What Now?

istration.

Committee Interviews Earle

On Monday afternoon, the presid-

ing committee was received by Gov-

ernor Earle for an audience. David

Lasser, John Muldowney, Sam Gor-

don, Charles Spencer and a Negro

woman delegate from Philadelphia.

Margaret Johnson, argued the case

of the unemployed before the chief

executive for more than two hours.

The governor was very generous

with his typically vague promises

and his hypocritical assurances of

concern over the plight of the job-

less in his state, but would not

make any definite commitments. Be-

neath the thin veneer of his Roose-

veltian liberalism penetrated a sight

strongly indicative of the real lean-

ings of this latter-day "friend of

which were based on actual contact

Crowd Swarms Legislature

At 6:30 the huge delegation lined

up in front of the Farm Show

Building and, headed by the officers

paraded through the streets of

Harrisburg down to the state house.

Lester Heckman, of Allentown, pre-

sided over the open air demonstra-

tion that was staged there and at

which David Lasser and numerous

other speakers addressed the crowd

which had by then swelled to sev-

the gathering that both houses of

the leaders of the WAA. He an-

nounced that both houses had

Lieutenant Governor Thomas

Kennedy opened the joint session

shortly thereafter and called upon

John Muldowney, the chairman of

the delegation, to introduce the

legislators that unless they provid-

Demands 6 Billion Appropriation

He was followed by Charles Sand-

ialize congress for the passage of

000,000 appropriation to aid in sub-

sidizing state relief and WPA agen-

cies. Sandwick gave some telling

arguments for this measure from

masse into the galleries.

up bootleg mines.

the Austrian workers!

The lesson to be drawn from this serious conduct of the conference decision of the Supreme Court is had forced the hand of the adminso clear that even William Green, with rare flash of class-consciousness resembling the last flicker of consciousness in the brain of a dying man, could not miss it, "After all," he said, "we must rely on our own economic strength. If we cannot enact legislation of this kind in an orderly way, we will irresistibly be drawn to use our economic power; that can be done only through complete and thorough organization; the more thorough and complete it is the greater will be our economic power."

Green does not of course intend these words to be taken seriously. but he inadvertently hit upon the right note. Only through their organization and militant action, and not by reliance upon the bounty of the capitalist state, will the miners the peepul." Side by side with a be able to obtain their demandsand to keep them.

industry. Other sources of power graphed picture of none other than are steadily cutting into its market. The history of the English coal mining industry shows that no Upon a challenge from delegate amount of regulation or state sub- Gordon, that the \$70,000,000 figure sidy can save it from continued de- was woefully insufficient and was By placing the mystic halo of cline. The manifold social prob- not based upon the actual needs of Socialism.

mitting struggle. The half-million he would not use the state troopers miners in the U.M.W.A. already to molest the demonstrators in any have enough combined strength to way in the mass meeting they operators in most fields. They need evening.

NewSitdown Goodrich

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The next is "The Rubber Club,"

The last organization-at least, beat up trade unionists, who reputedly too often do not rely on formal logic in reasoning with com-

In the meanwhile production in

when a new storm will break.

Pa. Relief Revolution

(Continued from Page 1)

121 Million Declared Imperative one country. It is, rather, a richly The conference then got down to concrete history of the Communist business, adopting various resoluas the result of a triple play be- workers, to be brought before the Russia from 1923 to 1928. In order dence" and threw out three of the told me not to let it get to the tween the President, Congress, and legislature. A relief appropriation to illumine his criticism of Stalin- four counts in the information. Bukharin's draft programme for there been a clearer case of the \$70,000,000 figure proposed by the the Comintern, then about to be verdict of not guilty for the other Trotsky found it necessary to tell rested Tuesday, was denied. ceive the workers and deprive them solutely imperative, on the basis of the story of the major events of the of their demands. What the gov- the cut-to-the-bone budget of 64 years since Lenin died. The story judge are conspiracy to imprison had, "it was probably no more than ernment appears to give the work- cents per person per day, to tide the of the circumstances surrounding falsely, false imprisonment and they deserved anyway." unanimously recommended this fig- preposterous Peasant International Chairman of the Florida Workers of defendant John P. Bridges was created by Stalin and which disap- Alliance, remains. ure as an air-tight minimum to the peared without even an obituary; governor and the legislature. The to interview the governor and to fiasco of 1924; the Stalinist alliance its side. The case will probably man answering Bridge's descrippresiding committee was instructed with the British trade union bur- go to the jury this week. demand spokesmen before the legiseaucracy-Purcell and Cook were lature, to present the case for the organized unemployed. Committees were also elected to present grievances to the State Emergency Readministration. Stalinist bureaucracy, leaning for The freeing of Tittsworth, who All the delegates-men, women and children-were housed and fed at the expense of the government during their entire three days' siege. The impressive turn-out and the that a newcomer to the revolution-

> Special mention must be made of the "Summary and Perspectives of the Chinese Revolution" which, together with the explanatory historical notes, provides the reader with was "fatally defective" because it history of the Chinese movement provided in the Florida statute on

ment understandingly.

from 1923 to the present time. The general features of the his-Shachtman's fifty-page introduction, commended recently by a grand so that this 400 page book can serve jury on the grounds that he is using traffic cops had never before made as an introduction to the history of bling ring and "is guilty of shirking any raids ond that it was unusual the Comintern up to the present his duty" in the flogging cases. time. Indeed, until the further volthe best study of the Communist obtain a jury in Hillsborough Counmovement that has yet appeared.

portrait of F. D., there was displayed on his mantlepiece, an auto-Rebel at Slave Wage in South

(Continued from Page 1) Box 5s15, Memphis, Tenn.

. . .

this strike gets under way, lynch with the workers' needs, Mr. Earle of Lewis, Green, Dubinsky, et al is running for renomination. enforce their demands upon the planned at the state house in the who support Roosevelt because of way, on the Daily Worker, which ascribes all of Roosevelt's reactionary moves to "pressure from Wall Street"!

Senators and representatives with a cutting remark that "boondoggling" was hard work compared to the insipid conduct of which they were guilty in their so-called work. Speaking over their heads to the gallery, he hailed the example of the Allentown WPA strikers last eral thousand. A spokesman for month, who, disgusted with the anthe presiding committee rose on tics of the capitalist parties had the improvised platform to inform marched down to the courthouse in a body from their picketlines to the legislature had been petitioned register Socialist. He warned that to hold a joint session and to hear unless they took immediate action to break the legislative deadlock that was threatening the unemagreed to submit to the request and ployed with starvation, thousands the crowd thereupon streamed en more would be called into the cap-

David Lasser, speaking for the national organization of the Workers Alliance, wound up the presentation with a picture of WAA actions in Illinois, Wisconsin, New spokesmen. Muldowney warned the Jersey and St. Louis, assuring the politicians that the national organed for adequate relief, unemployed ization was wholeheartedly behind steel workers and silk workers this Pennsylvania demonstration would follow the example of the and that the WAA would back the unemployed miners and start up bootleg steel mills and silk mills just as the coal-diggers had started politics.

The session was concluded amidst a volley of cheers from the unemwick. Sandwick urged the repre- ployed, who filled the gallery to the sentatives and Senators to memor- rafters.

The next day both the house and the senate voted for an immediate appropriation of \$3,300,000 to prevent the shutting off of relief, before continuing their debate on the larger figure for the balance of the the experience of the unemployed year.

The delegates returned to their session of the tremendous suffering, action was needed more than ever the discrimination and the intoler- to provide adequate relief. They But the truth will out! Already ance which the workers and the pledged their determination to constuff the cracks. Here and there jected to and warned the legisla- back home and to prepare them for

da's G.P.U. for refusing to relin- came necessary to falsify the his- "October Revolution," when they alertly, and that they would draw up a state organization of the unemployed units affiliated with the usurp the power it became neces- ply reek with "counter-revolution- Sam Gordon, the secretary of the national office of the Workers Allidelegation, startled the fat-bellied ance.

A Lexicon of Whitewash Lynchers in Tampa Flogging Trial

This book is no abstract thesis smear of whitewash was applied Whitaker's objections. on the impossibility of socialism in to the Tampa floggings Saturday

The defense motion for a directed right there."

the failure to make the German conspiracy to kidnap. The charge

The defense is not expected to the American Farmer-Labor party take more than two days to present attorney had evidence that a police-

The indictments against Chappell was involved in the kidnaping. going to defend the Soviet Union as a principal and Tittsworth as an but instead the prestige of the So- accessory in the false imprisonment viet Union covered Purcell and and kidnaping of Dr. Sam J. Rogers Cook's betrayal of the British Gen- and in the second degree murder eral Strike; the development of the of Joseph A. Shoemaker, still stand.

support on the backward peasantry was on trial as accessory after the -all this is clearly sketched. The fact, followed Judge Dewell's reforty pages of explanatory notes fusal to admit damaging testimony round out the historical detail so against the former police chief and was in the face of vital evidence ary movement can follow the argu- that had been admitted earlier in the trial.

"Shirking His Duty"

Whitaker, during the course of the two-day-argument on his motion, contended that the information which the charges were based.

tional since 1928 are given in Max Jay Hardee whose removal was re- worth's pet in the department.

umes of this series of "Selected State Attorney J. Rex Farrior dur- when traffic is heaviest. The raid Works of Leon Trotsky" are publing the preparation of the case and occurred on a Saturday night. lished, this first volume will remain during the unsuccessful attempt to ty. From the beginning, however, he has been regarded unfriendly to the prosecution.

The alleged defectiveness of Hardee's information need not be ascribed to ignorance or accident. four weeks of testimony by 34 wit-Faulty informations which are a standard device used here to pro- thing done?" H. L. Mitchell, Executive Secretary, tect paying or powerful criminals and at the same time permit the defendants except Chappell is overprosecuting attorney to go through whelming. Even Chappell, who was There can be no doubt that once the motions and avoid criticism. freed with Tittsworth, was identlaw and mob violence will become fused to act on the 17 specific grand the police station with the arrested Meanwhile, the bituminous miners in a flurry of excitement offered the a daily routine of the planters to jury accusations against Hardee un- Modern Democrats and among the years of the Revolution, when meas tween Lemm and the October cencer can prevent the operators from were still fresh in the minds of all, tral committee. Since the central relegating them to the scrapheap wick and with the connivance of in office and neglect of duty." He Joseph P. Robinson, Roosevelt's has announced he will "let the peo- exception of Tittsworth, are small whip in the Senate. A significant ple decide" through the Democratic fry. Behind them are the citrus

State Often Overruled

The state spent its last week in futile effort to get before the jury some vital testimony against Tittsworth. Whitaker made long frequent and impassioned objections to admitting this evidence. The court sustained him on the ground that "no sufficient overt act" had been established as to Tittsworth.

The testimony ruled out included conversations held by Tittsworth with Matt C. Beasley, assistant chief of detectives, and H. L. Russell, a former policeman.

Beasley testified that Tittsworth had tried to get him to say that he had received a telephone call which led him to order defendent Smitty Brown and his men to raid the meeting of Modern Democrats at the Herald home.

Russell testified that when he told Tittsworth that he was withholding the truth from the state attorney and was afraid of getting into trouble, his chief told him that he could not help him if he changed his story and advised him to "stick to" his original lies.

Refuses to Testify

One of the state's last witnesses was Manuel Menendez, Tittsworth's former stenographer who is also under indictment as accessory after unemploped of the state to the limit the fact but against whom charges in their fight for adequate relief have not yet been pressed. On and against their criminal petty Whitaker's advice, Menendez declined to testify because he might have incriminated himself. Judge Dewell did not even allow Menendez's refusal to testify be made before the jury.

> against Tittsworth was inadmissible because "no sufficient overt act" had been established was apparently an afterthought with Judge Dewell. He had already permitted much damaging evidence against Titts-

> > TENNIS

BARTOW, Fla., May 17-The first | worth to get before the jury over

He allowed W. D. Bush, chief of when Judge Robert T. Dewell or- detectives, to testify that when he dered the acquittal of R. G. Titts- told Tittsworth what he knew worth, former chief of police, and about police participation in the movement both inside and outside Robert Chappell "for lack of evi- kidnaping, Tittsworth "blowed up, Mayor and that was the end of it

The judge also permitted Lieut. 'submitted" and adopted by the five defendants, made by Pat Whi- J. L. Eddings to tell the jury that Sixth Congress of the C.I. in 1928, taker immediately after the state Tittsworth had assured him that he did not think Poulnot and Rog-The counts knocked out by the ers had been flogged and if they

The jury also heard a series of revolution in 1923; the tale of the of kidnaping Eugene F. Poulnot, witneses tell how the badge number changed from 39 to 140 after Tittsworth had learned that the state tion and wearing badge number 39

Other policemen testified that, although Tittsworth knew they were on duty the night of the kidnaping, they had never been questioned by him about what they saw or knew.

The Bull's Hunch

In the meantime, the testimony revealed, Tittsworth was writing a letter to Mayor Chancey in which he exonerated the police and suggested that Poulnot and Rogers themselves murdered Shoemaker and also making a public statement declaring that his "own investigation" had "conclusively established" that the police were innocent.

Tittsworth's aquittal in the face of this mass of evidence indicates a succinct introduction to the whole failed to specify secret intent as that, as one of the "higher ups," he testimony had revealed that Smitty received special protection. The The information was drawn by Brown, ex-traffic sergeant who led tory of the Communist Interna- Hillsborough County Solicitor C. "the boys" in the raid, was Titts-

Police witnesses also testified that for them to be in the police station Hardee was chief assistant to at all on a busy Saturday night Obviously the arrests and the kid-

naping were not Smitty Brown's own idea. Tampa is now asked to believe that Tittsworth-Brown's boss and mentor—did not know what his protege was up to. The state closed its case after

nesses without once touching the thrown out by the trial judge are question: "Who ordered this whole

The state's evidence against all Governor Dave Sholtz has red ified among those who arrived at

But these defendants, with the commentary indeed on the policy primary elections in which Hardee growers with their machine guns and barbed wire, the phosphate corporations and their convenient, water-filled pits, the shipping maggantes and their stool-pigeons, the crooked politicians and their gambling gunmen.

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