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For those concerned with the consequences of the globalization and the capitalist market, *Globalization and the International Working Class: A Marxist Assessment* is a recommended purchase. This work explores the underlying reasons for the globalization of world economy over the past two decades and explains the inability of organisations based on a national program—such as the trade unions—to defend any of the social gains of the working class. It advances the need for the rebuilding of an international socialist workers movement to combat globally organized capital.

Trotsky's monumental work, *The Revolution Betrayed*, is a masterpiece of Marxist analysis. It establishes the unbridgeable gulf between the bureaucratic regime of Stalin and genuine socialism, and provides the contemporary reader with the necessary theoretical framework for comprehending the processes that culminated in the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Essential for any student of twentieth century history is Vadim Rogovin's brilliant study, *1937: Stalin's Year of Terror*. In painstaking and tragic detail, Rogovin establishes the objective truth: the Stalinist bureaucracy was only able to entrench itself in power through the bloody and counter-revolutionary slaughter of tens of thousands of Marxists and intellectuals and the

destruction of a widespread and powerful socialist culture.

An example of the breadth of that socialist culture is contained in *Art as the Cognition of Life*, a compilation of essays by Aleksandr K. Voronsky. Voronsky was one of the authentic representatives of classical Marxism in the field of literary criticism and was executed in 1937 during Stalin's purges. The experiences of the last six decades have made his work more, not less, relevant. His essays speak directly to the current crisis of artistic perspective and paucity of intellectual thought.

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