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Isaac Deutscher's 3 vol. biog. of Leon Trotsky -- theoretical subjects only

I. THE PROPHET ARMED, 1879-1921 (1954 Oxford UPress)

pp. 88ff takes up ques. of 1st dispute with VIL on org. Just at a time when his has placed before us the enormous task of cutting the knot of world revolution; Russian SD do not seem to care for anything except a PETTY INTERNAL STRUGGLE (p. VIL "hidious", "dissolute", "demagogical", "slovenly", "atrocious", "morally repulsive" (p. 93)

Intellectual partnership with Parvus lasted only from summer 1904-1906. Trial but actual 1905 revolution Trotsky as apprentice went ahead of PRUVUS teacher. p. 103

Per. rev. as theory as LT saw it begins p. 110 The whole of Ch. V LT in 1905 is on that, but more the activity than the theory. -- no difference bet VIL & LT on ques. of armed insurre. p. 125 -- actual movement of prol. -- printers' demand for shorter hrs. & higher wages/ SOVIET WAS NOT A BOLIVENTION.

CH. VI "PER. REV." pp. 145-174

summation of "Our Rev." begins p. 150, ID claiming it be the most radical restatement, if not revision, of the prognosis of Soc. Ist. since since Marx's CW that is since 1847. (Lordy!) p. 151 Q LT on that in Russia even capitalism appeared as the child of the state; (ITOGI & PERSPEKTIVY) LT keeps saying & ID repeats as if it were not to be questioned that European Rev. knew 3 landmarks 1789, 1848, 1905 -- WHERE THEN IS 1871; the real predecessor of 1905 p. 155 ID claims that "no support can be found (for underrating peasantry rd) in our words"

p. 162: "IN THIS BROCHURE (Balance & Prospects) of 80 pp. WAS THE SUM & SUBSTANCE OF THE MAN FOR THE REST OF HIS DAYS" as leader of rev., as founder & head of an army, as protagonist of a new Int. ation as a hunted exile, he would defend & elaborate the ideas he had put in a nutshell in 1906." (ID tries to say that that is il. di. re. Cl. what other stupidity?)

Ch. VII, The Deldrums, 1907-1914. p. 182 "Curiously enough T's closest ties were not with the radical wing of Ger. socialism by RL, KL & Franz Mehring. but with the men of the center"

final ch. "Defeat in Victory" on t.u. dispute is not only superficial but, though he q VIL on "mortal illness" of party, ID says it's 2ry! "This was an important & yet only a 2ry matter."

II. THE PROPHET UNARMED, 1921-29, 1959

Ch. III 'Not by Politics Alone', which takes up both "dialectics" & "lit" is the imp. ch. here. p. 172: THERE WAS NOTHING OF THE PROFESSIONAL PHILOSOPHER ABOUT T. HE NEVER PLUMBED THE DEPTHS of gnosiology as L did in Empirio-criticism & Mat. (What about Phil. Ntbks? rd) He attempted NO SYSTEMATIC EXPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF DIALECTICS..."

pp. 171 is on Technology & Science, the lecture I translated. Mendeleev address on Sept. 1925. fn. p. 174 refers to Engels on Dialectic of Nature where he said that if scientists had known Kant or even Descartes they could have gone further, etc. ID also has point by insisting dialect was NEVER tied to old physics, then quotes Trotsky's prediction on atomic energy. "The phenomenon of radio-activity lead us straight to the problem of RELEASING THE INNER ENERGY of the atom. The greatest act of contemporary physics is to extract from the atom its latent energy. Scientific & technological thought is approaching the point of a great upheaval so that social rev. of our time coincides with a rev. in man's inquiry into the nature of matter & his mastery of matter."

Summary  
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on Cn.Rev.p.321 "Not once, it seems, in these yrs., 1924-6 did he speak a word  
Ch. in the Exec. or the commissions of the Comintern.  
once did he allude in public to any difference of opinion  
in this matter."

THE PROPHET OUTCAST, 1929-1940 (The worst of the books, with most of gossip,  
least of understanding, i.e., sympathy for  
any of the political issues. This one shows  
ex ID how Stalinist in mentality he really was)

p. 513: The ideas which he expounded & the work which he performed as leader of  
the Opp. bet. 1923 & '29 form the sum & substance of the most momentous  
& dramatic chapter in the annals of Bol.&ism. He came forward as the  
protagonist in the greatest ideological controversy of the century: INDUSTRIALIZATION & PLANNED ECO. of Russia  
as intellectual initiator of INDUSTRIALIZATION & PLANNED ECO. within the Bol. party who resisted the advent of Stalinism. We have reviewed  
critically his fiascos, fallacies & miscalculations: his fiasco with 4th int.  
& the contradictions in the 'new Trotskyism' of his last yrs.  
p. 516: "By a feat of history's irony, Stalinism itself malgre' its own inborn  
of its national shell."

He did initiate the 5 Year Plan & Industrialization

Does denied Rights  
Do not forget Trotsky knew any  
how that is the true story  
JSC is a total plan

Industrial ideas controversy  
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*No need for impossible*  
 THE PROPHECY ARMED, Trotsky: 1879-1921, by Isaac Deutscher Oxford, 1954  
 1024's IT's per rev. "It should be added that the whole process of dev.  
 Parvus's series of essays in Iskra 1904 on "War & Revolution"

...those who have thought that they could keep her in check. The capitalist order in Europe has long since been an obstacle to Europe's eco., pol., & cultural dev. It survives (only) because the popular masses have not yet become sufficiently aware of their tragic condition. The pol. energy of the prol. is not concentrated enough, the social parties lack decision & courage, one can imagine such a turn of events that the SDP will bear the pol. guilt for the survival of the cap-ist order."

pp.110-112 traces IT's view of per rev. which My Life says he conceived in 1903 as a gen. strike & rev. coming from it, and formulated first in 1904 his anticipation of 1905 & 1917 incl. also the slogans "End the war" & "convoke a constituent assembly." Men. publisher was withholding IT's brood from press when 1st act of rev. occurred. Brochure, Do 9 Yanvara appearing in Rus. Wks. Vol. II, Bk. 1 (Showed galley proofs to Parvus) who was impressed & wrote following preface, drawing some conclusion that IT still held back from: "The rev. Provisional Govt. of Russia will be the gov. of wcrs.' dem... As the SDP is at the head of the rev. movement... this gov. will be sd... a coherent gov. with a sd maj." (Lenin's comments appear in Coll. Wks., Vol. 8, pp. 262-3.)

p.114. In 1/1904, at Parvus's home IT began to write another series of essays, After the Petersburg Insurrection; (p.115) "The proletarians of Petersburg have shown great heroism. But the unarmed heroism of the crowd could face the armed idioy of the barracks." In Feb. IT returns to Russia, arriving in Kiev.

pp.145-149 personal description & readings of Fr. novel & languages.  
 p.149 edited work written by several participants, His, of the Soviet, contributing the ch. summing up the soviet's role. (Urban Russia was too narrow a base for the struggle. The Soviet tried to wage the struggle on a nat. scale, but it remained above all a Petersburg institution... there is no doubt that in the next upsurge of rev., such Councils of Wcrs. will be formed all over the country. [An All-Rus Sov. of Wcrs., org'd by a national congress... will assume the leadership... His. does not repeat itself. The new Soviet will not have to go through the experiences of these 50 days once again. Yet from these 50 days it will be able to deduce its entire program of action.... rev. coop. with the army, the peasantry, & the plebeian parts of the middle classes; abolition of the military machine of absolutism; abolition of absolutism;... Show to the arming of the people, above all, the wcrs; the transformation of the Soviets into organs of rev., urban self-govt.; the formation of Peasant Soviets to be in charge of the agrarian rev. on the spot; elections to the Constituent Assembly....."] (Coll. Wks., Vol. 2, bk. 1, p. 206.)

These essay were preparatory for his chief work of this par., Itogi i Perspektivy Dvizhushchie Sily Rev. (The Balance - the Prospects - the Moving Forces of the Rev.)

Concl. ch. of the War Our Rev., a coll. essays (chronicle) 1908  
 before definition of Rev.

p.150: This was the most radical restatement, if not revision of the prognosis of socialist rev. undertaken since Mr's CM that is since 1847.

Q LT: "Every pol. party deserving the name aims at seizing govt. power in order to put the state at the service of the class whose interests it expresses." "Marxism is above all a method of analysis of social relations, not of texts."

After Deutscher keeps denying that the accusation against LT for underestimating the role of the peasantry has any validity by Q LT "The prol. in power will appear before the peasantry as its liberator", he then (p.156) proceeds to show that LT didn't think the peasantry was pol. capable since as LT put it "the his. of cap. is the his. of the subordination of the country to the town."

Q LT: "Without the direct state support of the European prol., the wkg. class of Russia will not be able to remain in power & transform its temporary rule into a stable & prolonged socialist dic.... This will from the very outset impart an LT character to the dev. of the events & open the broadest perspectives: the wkg. class of Rus., by leading in the pol. emancipation will rise to a height unknown in his. gather into its hands colossal forces & means & become the initiator of the liquidation of cap. on a global scale,...."

Q LT: "Left to itself, the wkg. class of Rus. will inevitably be crushed by the counter-rev. at the moment when the peasantry turns its back upon the prol. (when prol. moves from giving it land to collectivisation & int. -rd) Nothing will be left to the wks. but to link the fate of their own pol. rule, & consequently the fate of the whole Rus. rev., with that of the socialist rev. in Europe."

p.159 Evidently LT did not say only to Europe, but that rev. might instead turn eastward to Asia. (cf. pp. 74-77 of OLR Rev.)

p.162: ID is trying to compare the fact that LT spent all the rest of his life to defend & elaborate the ideas he had put in a nutshell in 1906. Similarly, (sic!), KM spent his whole life developing & drawing conclusions from the ideas he had advanced in the CM, his early & brief statement of doctrine. "Absolutely idiotic to place the single little pamphlet on Per. Rev. after Ch. Rev. & again in his. of RR for a few pages with the WORKS OF KM FROM CRITIQUE & CAPITAL TO PC & GOCHA PROGRAM, yet ID blithely goes on to say that why LT's influence was almost negligible: "The reasons for this were in part adventitious, in part inherent in the author's attitude." Saying how work was seized by police, the few copies that reached public aroused little interest because, allegedly, they were mere reprints of old essays "and readers looking for new viewpoints easily missed the one new & imp. ch. in it. (refers to LT's Per. Rev., pp. 39-42 (cf. whether LT tried to say anything that superficial. Evidently VIL had not read it before 1919, bases this on Yoffe's farewell letter to LT.

Rest of ch. is devoted to the speech in the docket & trip to prison, & escape. p.178 ftn ID comments on the "intell. superciliousness" (for once he is right) of LT to factions in the party & Q his article for RL's Polish paper: "while the anti-rev. aspects of Men. are already revealing themselves fully, the anti-rev. features of Bolshevism strongly threaten to come to light only in the case of a rev. victory."

\*\*\*\*\*Final ch., "Defeat in Victory" does deal with t.u. dispute, in fact takes it back to war communism. p.487 (12/16/19) submits theses on transition from war to peace which incl. proposal for MILITARIZATION OF LABOR

p.495 Q LT on Orders for Labor Armies. p.499 on Taylorism (praising it) p.502 #1042

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