

the periphery of the revolutionary arena. The sailors were of greater influence than the workers or the soldiers in Petrograd, the author asserts, because they deliberately came to the city for the purpose of establishing Soviet power and operated in closed ranks. In the final part of the volume the question is examined why the Bolsheviks succeeded in controlling the fleet after October 1917. In three appendices quantitative information is given about the social composition of the navy, about the types of battleships used and about the appeal of political organizations among the sailors. The study is in part based on source material in Finland. Some rare photographs are included.

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The present author attempts to prove that the links between the Soviets of 1905 and the Anarchist tradition in Russia were much closer than is usually thought. She gives an outline of the history of Russian Anarchism, and regarding her subject she mainly confines herself to the opinions of Kropotkin, Lenin and Trockij. Her book is chiefly based on non-Russian secondary sources (Anweiler, Avrich, Nettlau and Venturi). The transliteration is poor. Two documents are appended, the second being a hitherto unpublished letter of Nettlau to Kropotkin dated December 11, 1905, which if anything provides evidence contrary to what the author sets out to demonstrate. She asserts that her subject will promote democratic convictions of pupils in secondary schools.

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