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Written by Jack Barnes, the national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, **Malcolm X Black Liberation & the Road to Workers Power** is an unabashedly pro-socialist treatise, discussing the past one hundred and fifty years of exploitation of workers - especially black workers - particularly from the mid-1950s onward, when black people were disproportionately claimed as an under compensated industrial work force and as cannon fodder for the America's wars. During this tumultuous time, Malcolm X emerged as a leader who called for human rights, justice, and equality. **Malcolm X Black Liberation & the Road to Workers Power** searches for lessons from the past, and seeks to apply those lessons to promote a future where socialism provides a framework for reducing or eliminating exploitation, violence, and racism. A powerful and persuasive political testimony, enhanced with black-and-white photographs, a glossary, and an index. "Everything new and progressive on the Negro question came from Moscow, after the revolution of 1917, and as a result of the revolution... Everybody knew that the Negro was getting the worst of it at every turn, but hardly anybody cared about it or wanted to do anything to try to moderate or change it. The 90 percent white majority of American society, including its working-class sector, North as well as South, was saturated with prejudice against the Negro; and the socialist movement reflected this prejudice to a considerable extent... The old theory of American radicalism turned out in practice to be a formula for inaction on the Negro front... The Russian intervention changed all that, and changed it dramatically, and for the better."