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The Prometheus Research Library is a working research facility for a wide range of Marxist studies and also the central reference archive of the Spartacist League of the U.S., section of the International Communist League (Fourth Internationalist). Library holdings include substantial materials on the organizations inspired and led by Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Trotsky, as well as works on related topics, sometimes remote.

The purpose of the PRL is to collect, preserve, and make available the historical record of the international workers movement and to assist Marxist scholarship. It is both a strength and weakness of the PRL that it is necessarily centered upon the work and interests of the American Communist and Trotskyist movement.

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The Library also contains the published works of many non-Marxist authors who strike our interest. Since 1979, the PRL has circulated lists of recent acquisitions to interested libraries and individuals. These circulars are available upon request.



Jean Weinberg

### Leon Trotsky in Prinkipo.

## KEY ARCHIVAL HOLDINGS

- Major published documents of the First through Fourth Internationals.
- Protocols of Executive Committee meetings and World Congresses of the Communist International. Principal periodicals, pamphlets, and leading body minutes of the early American Communist Party.
- Central body minutes, internal bulletins, and internal correspondence of the American Trotskyist movement, plus its public press, pamphlets, and theoretical organs. Materials cover the initial Trotskyist expulsion in 1928, the founding of the Communist League of America and the later Workers Party, the period of entry into the Socialist Party, and the Socialist Workers Party.
- Substantial collection of works by James P. Cannon, founding American Communist and Trotskyist leader, including writings and speeches from the 1920s and early 1930s.
- Extensive internal materials from the Workers Party/Independent Socialist League (led by Max Shachtman) and its youth affiliates from the 1940s and 1950s.
- Minutes, documents, and bulletins of the International Secretariat of the Fourth International in French and English.
- Books on general subjects ranging from the history and struggle of colonial masses to various idiosyncratic interests of Marxists and others.

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