

THIS IMPORTANT book offers a critical analysis of the Iraqi Communist Party and its contribution to the workers' movement and the Left in Iraq.

WHETHER STANDING up to British occupiers, the monarchy they installed, or the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein who for many years was a friend and ally of the United States Iraqis have a rich history that has been entirely ignored by the media and pundits who supported the most recent invasion and occupation of that country.

THE IRAQI Communist Party has played a contradictory role in that struggle one that cannot be ignored and which has valuable lessons for the future of Iraq.

“Sooner or later, all foreign troops will have to leave Iraq. If they do not do so voluntarily, they will be driven out. Their continuing presence is a spur to violence. When Iraq's people regain control of their own destiny they will decide the internal structures and the external policies of their country.

“One can hope that this will combine democracy and social justice, a formula that has set Latin America alight in recent years, but is greatly resented by the Empire. Meanwhile, Iraqis have one thing of which they can be proud and of which British and U.S. citizens should be envious: an opposition.”  
—from the Foreword by **TARIQ ALI**

“This book sheds light on the ‘other Iraq,’ that of the working classes and their struggles, an Iraq that was completely ignored by the media and by the left wing during the dramatic days of preparations for war by the U.S.-British coalition. The present volume attempts to reconstruct the history of the Iraqi Communist Party and the Iraqi workers' movement, an essential part of the country's past that remains largely unknown.

“The struggle for the liberation of Iraq does not lie with the United States. It lies in the Basra oil refineries, where workers are striking against the Baathist management of the plant, restored to their positions by the British forces...Among the women who are fighting for equality and freedom, and courageously battling against diverse reactionary Islamic forces. Among the workers currently discussing...their struggle for a better life in Iraq.”  
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