
Acknowledgments

THE GENEROSITY of several institutions and granting agencies permitted me to conduct the research and writing for this book in the best possible situation—one in which excellent library resources and collegial environments contributed immeasurably to the completion of my project. The research and writing was largely conducted during two years of sabbatical and leave from Wesleyan University. Wesleyan also provided support from the Jonathan Meigs Fund, for which I am grateful to my colleagues. The Wesleyan library staff eased the daily task of scholarship by routinely providing numerous valuable services and the History Department office staff, Donna Scott and Rose Marie Ingalls, responded with their usual energy to the tasks involved with the production of the manuscript. I am especially grateful to Patricia St. Clair and Janet Morgan for sharing their time and expertise generously and helping me transfer my manuscript to our mainframe computer. Long before the actual research and writing began, work with Wesleyan students over a

xii *Acknowledgments*

long span of years sustained my interest in the project. Several deserve special mention: Leonard Rubenstein, Jill Bernstein, Eric Duskin, and Mitchell Briskin.

The Russian Research Center at Harvard kindly gave me the status of Visiting Scholar during 1984–85 and again in 1987–88. I would like to thank the many Fellows and Scholars there, too numerous to mention, who shared their knowledge and provided both useful criticism and encouragement. My special thanks to Nina Tumarkin, Loren Graham, Priscilla Johnson McMillan, and Adam Ulam, who helped in a variety of ways, and Mary Towle, without whom it is impossible even to imagine the Russian Research Center. I am grateful to the very capable staff at Houghton Library for facilitating my work in the Trotsky Archive.

During the summer of 1987 a grant under the Title VIII Program (Soviet-East European Training Act of 1983) permitted me to work in the Nicolaevsky Collection, Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University. My thanks to the director, Richard F. Staar and the Fellows for their hospitality, and especially to the archivists and library staff for expediting my research. Like all scholars who have worked with the rare Russian materials in the library of the Hoover Institution, I found Hilja Kukk's help invaluable. I would like to thank Mrs. Ella Wolf for her encouragement and for generously sharing her knowledge and experience. I am deeply in debt to Charles Palm and Elena Danielson for helping me with the recently identified Trotsky materials in the Nicolaevsky Collection, and for their graciousness in sharing the riches of the Hoover Institution Archives. I also spent some time during the summer of 1986 working in the Trotsky manuscripts contained in the Manuscript Department of the Lilly Library, Indiana University. My thanks to the curator, Sandra Taylor, for her assistance.

As a Fellow of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Wilson Center for a six-month period in 1988 I enjoyed a great many privileges that made possible the completion of the writing of this book. I am grateful to Peter Reddaway and Ted Taranovsky for their collegial generosity and stimulating company, to the staff of the Kennan Institute for their many services, to Robert C. Tucker for his interesting comments on my colloquium paper at the Center, and to the Fellows who make the Wilson Center such an exciting place to work. My special thanks to Fran Hunter for her hospitality and friendship, both of which add to the appeal of the Wilson Center. I could not possibly have completed my work at the Kennan Institute without the aid of two able research assistants, Vladimir Dragunsky and Michele Kelemen.

Aside from those mentioned above, I owe a considerable debt to Paul Avrich, Terence Emmons, Leopold Haimson, William McNeill, Robert C. Williams, Drs. Robert J. Lifton, Elizabeth Hersh, Max Hernandez, and Eleanor Pringle, and Amy Bloom—whose contributions to my field, to my knowledge of history, to my understanding of psychology, or encouragement and support furthered my project. My thanks to my wife, Alice, who scrutinized the proofs, vigilantly and saved many a slip. Without her support the project would have

been impossible. Only I, of course, can be held responsible for the defects of this study of Lenin, Trotsky, and Stalin, but if my book has any virtues they issue largely from my ability to use the exemplary work of others and to heed their advice. Finally, my thanks to Kate Wittenberg of Columbia University Press for helping me realize this project in the form in which I conceived it.

