
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

DAVID N. SHUB, 1887–1973

David Natanovich Shub, an authority on the Russian revolutionary movement and author of a classic work on Lenin, died May 27, 1973, in Miami Beach, Florida, at the age of eighty-five. Shub was born in 1887 in Vilna Province. While a student of sixteen in Vilna he joined the Russian Social Democratic Party as a Menshevik. In 1904 he went abroad and lived in London, Paris, and Geneva, where he met Lenin and other leading Russian émigrés including Plekhanov, Potresov, Zasulich, Deutch, Martov, and Lunacharsky.

Shub returned to Russia to participate in the 1905 revolution. During the following two years he was arrested several times, imprisoned, and sentenced to forced military service in Siberia, but he escaped abroad and arrived in the United States in 1908. He became a journalist for trade union and socialist newspapers and magazines in Yiddish and Russian. He maintained his contacts with Russian revolutionaries, and during World War I he was acquainted with Trotsky and Bukharin in New York City. At that time Shub departed from Marxism and official Menshevism, and in his attitude to the war and revolution took a position close to that of Plekhanov and the right Socialist Revolutionaries. After the Bolshevik Revolution Shub continued his personal and political ties with such leading Russian liberals and moderate socialists as Miliukov, Kerensky, Zenzinov, Tsereteli, and Aldanov.

In 1924 he joined the editorial board of the *Jewish Daily Forward*, where he remained an editor for forty-five years. At the same time he collaborated with almost all the Russian democratic publications abroad, such as *Novyi Zhurnal*, *Novoe Russkoe Slovo*, *Russkaia Mysl'*, and *Mosty*. From 1957 to 1971 he regularly contributed scripts to Radio Liberty's Russian broadcasts which enlightened Soviet citizens about aspects of their own history unavailable to them in official sources.

Shub's books include *Heroes and Martyrs*, a two-volume study in Yiddish dealing with West European and Russian socialists, and *Politicheskii deiateli Rossii (1850–1920)*, a collection of articles on the Russian political heritage. His *Lenin: A Biography*, first published in 1948 in English, is regarded as a pioneering work on the Bolshevik leader. It was updated in 1966 and has been translated into twenty languages.

Shub is survived by his daughter Mona, a social worker, and his son Anatole, formerly Moscow correspondent of the *Washington Post* and at present news editor of Radio Free Europe. Another son, Boris, a writer and specialist on Soviet affairs, died in 1965.

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OLEG A. MASLENIKOV, 1907–1972

The death of Oleg Maslenikov, on January 10, 1972, brought to an untimely end forty years of association with the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Berkeley, where he first came to study as an undergraduate under the tutelage of George Rapall Noyes. After receiving his baccalaureate in 1935, he began his