The Road to Red October

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1917 in Russia - two revolutions and a turning point in history - the first workers state. First published in 1987 this is an updated version using re-edited material serialised in Workers Power in 2007.

Introduction: a revolution of our time [1]
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The Russian Revolution in 1917 shook the world and opened up a new period in world history. The overthrow of capitalism became an immediate question in states across the world. Read more... [1]

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In 1917 Russia still used the old Julian calendar so it was 13 days behind most other countries which used the Gregorian calendar we still use today. Read more... [2]

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The specific role of women workers in the February revolution occurred because of the very acute way the war had affected them. Read more... [3]

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The explosion of anger that swept aside the Tsarist regime in February 1917 led to a profoundly contradictory situation at the level of state power. Read more... [4]

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In February 1917 the Russian workers overthrew the Tsarist regime, only then to accept a government of the bourgeois parties, the Cadets and the Octobrists. Read more... [5]

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The October Revolution in Russia was carried through by the Bolshevik Party under the slogan 'All Power to the Soviets'. Read more... [6]

The July Days [7]
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In the spring and early summer of 1917, it became more and more clear that the Provisional Government would not address any of Russia’s crying needs. Read more... [7]

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The Russian workers, particularly those in Petrograd, had suffered a very real setback after the mass street demonstrations of the July Days. Read more... [8]

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Kerensky’s government though increasingly exposed was still trying to crack down on the organised workers. Kerensky was himself plotting a coup, but it was to be his coup, not the generals. Read more... [9]

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The October insurrection, which took power into the hands of the workers and poorest sections of the peasantry, was no historical accident. Read more... [10]

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