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Seventy-five years ago the Russian masses, organised in workers?, peasants? and soldiers? councils, and led by the Bolshevik party, seized power. No sooner had they done so than they were under siege, both physically and politically.

The physical attack took the form of a terrible civil war which lasted three years, involved invasions by all the major imperialist powers and which left millions upon millions dead. Only the heroism of the Soviet masses, their determination to defend their revolution, enabled the Bolsheviks to hold state power. [Read more...](#) [1]

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Below appears the first published English translation of Trotsky?s article ?From words to deeds?(1). Seventy years after its appearance in the paper Vpered (Forward) on 28 June 1917 (2) it remains a key document in the history of Trotsky?s convergence with Lenin?s party.

Vpered was the paper of the Inter-District Organisation of United Social Democrats, the so-called Mehraiontsi. This had been founded in 1913 by Yurenev and other members of the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party (RSDLP) who rejected the discipline of both Bolshevik and Menshevik wings of the party. As Yurenev wrote later: ?In particular we refused to recognise the Bolshevik conference of 1912 as a conference of the entire RSDLP.?(3) Their initial project was to unify the Bolsheviks and the Left Mensheviks in a party of ?United Internationalists?. [Read more...](#) [2]

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