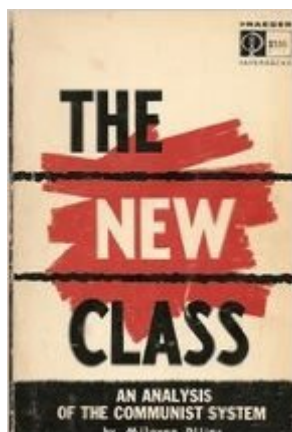


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domination (p.16). Revolutions occur when the old political system is an obstacle to new economic or social relationships (p.18). They lead to political democracy and a freer production of goods (p.19). Djilas says the industrialization which followed the Russian Revolution was responsible for their success; defeat in war was a necessary precondition (p.22). Other revolutions offered greater legal security and civil rights (p.27). While the people are used to win a revolution, the ultimate benefits flow to the new ruling class (p.27). Djilas calls them "a new class" because they came to power to establish a new economic order, not after the new economy existed (p.38).

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