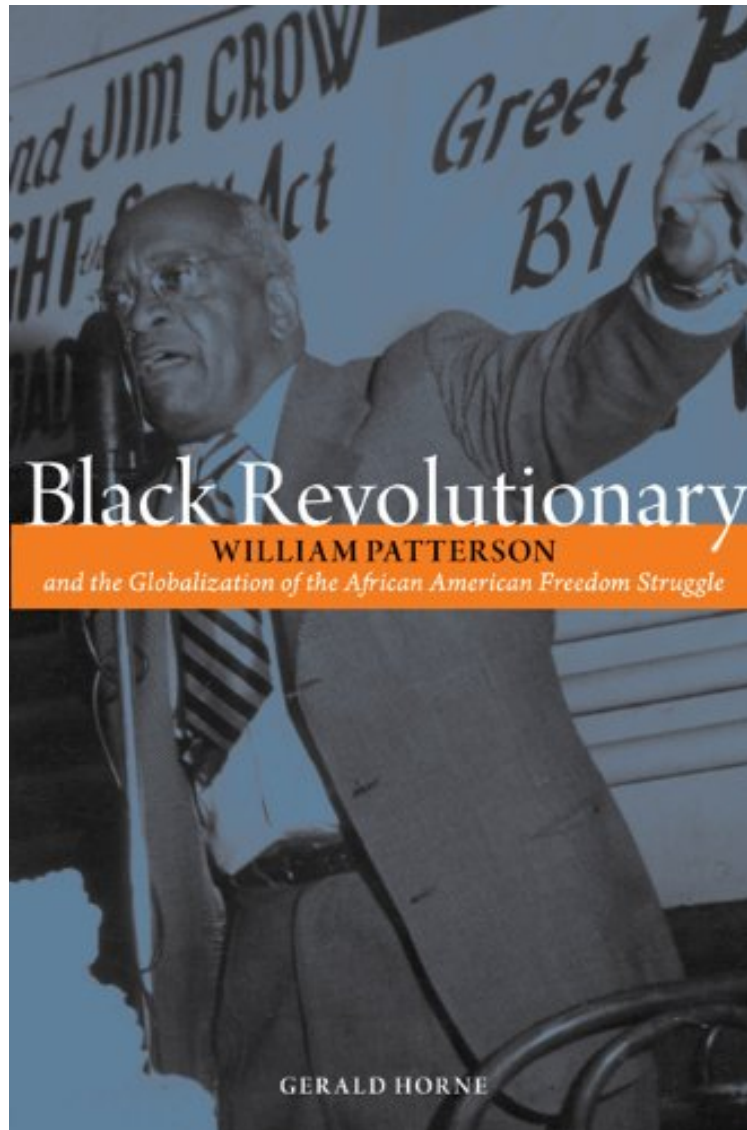


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"Horne's engaging study brings to light William Patterson's leadership in the struggle against Jim Crow, underscoring the radical roots of the civil rights movement and the repression of the left in the Cold War era. A significant contribution to the history of the black freedom struggle."