

LENINISM—GREAT IDEOLOGICAL WEAPON OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES

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April 22 is a momentous date in the history of mankind. On this day there was born Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, the brilliant continuer of the immortal cause of Marx and Engels, the leader of all the oppressed and exploited, founder of the Bolshevik Party, organiser and leader of the Great October Socialist Revolution and founder of the first socialist state in the world.

Marx and Engels gave mankind a precise, scientifically based theory for the liberation of the working masses from the shackles of capitalism, from the yoke of exploitation, poverty and lack of rights. This theory is scientific Socialism. Marx and Engels indicated to the proletariat its historical mission as the grave-digger of the bourgeois regime, pointed to the socialist revolution as the sole path for the overthrow of the rule of the exploiters and for establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As a result of historical conditions Russia became the focal point of all the contradictions of imperialism; the greatest popular revolution, headed by the most revolutionary proletariat in the world, was maturing in Russia, and Russia became the hearth of Leninism, the homeland of Leninism.

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The great service rendered by Lenin was that he not only upheld Marxism against distortion by the reformist leaders of the Second International and opportunists of all hues, he creatively developed Marxism in conformity with the new historical conditions of the epoch of imperialism and proletarian revolutions, enriched it with fresh experience of the revolutionary struggle and raised it to a new, higher level. Together with Lenin, the struggle for the purity of Marxism, for the triumph of its ideas, was tirelessly waged and is waged now by Comrade Stalin whose works are an invaluable contribution to the treasury of Marxism-Leninism. Day by day the inextinguishable ideas of Leninism, brilliantly developed by Comrade Stalin—the great continuer of Lenin's cause—become the property of increasingly wider masses in all countries and exert an ever greater influence on the entire course of world history.

Lenin and Stalin raised to unprecedented heights the significance of revolutionary theory, taught Communists in all countries to make full use of its mobilising, organising and transforming power. No other teaching has ever exercised such a truly colossal influence over the millionfold masses or secured world-wide circulation in such a brief space of time as the teaching of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin. Having gripped the masses, it grew into a mighty material force which swept away the tsarist autocracy and the rule of the capitalists and landlords in Russia, ensured the construction of Socialism and the gradual transition from Socialism to Communism in the U.S.S.R., into a force which wrested the peoples of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania, now marching along the pathway to Socialism, from the yoke of imperialism and the treacherous national bourgeoisie, into a force which brought the Chinese people to the victory of the popular revolution and opened for them the way to Socialism.

The decisive role in disseminating Marxist-Leninist ideas, in the struggle for making these ideas the practice of the international Communist movement, for the triumph of the socialist revolution and the building of a socialist society belongs to the Communist and Workers' Parties—the vanguard of the proletariat.

Lenin and Stalin teach us that the Party is the supreme form of the class organisation of the proletariat, its advanced, conscious and organised detachment, cemented by unity of will, action and discipline, armed with the all-conquering Marxist theory and indissolubly linked with the working-class masses. The Bolshevik Party, the most powerful revolutionary party in the world, founded by Lenin and Stalin, became precisely such a party—the party of a new type, free from opportunism, irreconcilable towards conciliators and defeatists, revolutionary in relation to the bourgeoisie and its state power.

The ideological, organisational, tactical and theoretical foundations of the Bolshevik Party, elaborated by Lenin and Stalin, proved to be a mighty weapon also for the working class parties in other countries in their struggle to become genuine Marxist Parties—the parties of a new type. Guided by the teaching of Lenin-Stalin and the rich experience of the C.P.S.U. (B), the Communist and Workers' Parties in the People's Democracies, purging themselves of nationalist and other opportunist elements, of careerists and spies of imperialism, have become militant staffs of the working class, strong by virtue of their unity and one-ness. Marxism-Leninism is the theoretical base of their policy, of their leadership over political life in their countries, of their economic and cultural construction. Creatively applying Marxism-Leninism and the experience of the C.P.S.U. (B), they are firmly leading the peoples of their countries from backwardness to progress, successfully and rapidly converting their countries from agrarian, raw material appendages to capitalist powers, such as they were before liberation by the Soviet Army, into advanced industrial Republics.

Loyal to Marxism-Leninism, the glorious Communist Party of China, under whose leadership the great Chinese people rid themselves forever of the yoke of feudalism and foreign imperialism, rallied the million-fold masses of toilers for great deeds, carrying out historic reforms. The Chinese," said Mao Tse-tung, "discovered the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism which is applicable everywhere, and the face of China changed. The Chinese acquired Marxism as a result of its application by the Russians". Being the leading force of the people's democratic dictatorship, the Communist Party of China is successfully paving the way for the transition to building Socialism.

With what force the weighty words spoken by Lenin in 1920 sound now that the "Russian model shows something to all countries, and something very substantial, from their inevitable and near future!"

Constantly...

Constantly consolidating its ranks, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, now heading the struggle of the German people for the speedy conclusion of a peace treaty, for uniting all German people into a single, independent, peace-loving, democratic Germany, is confidently marching along the pathway of becoming a Party of a new type.

The Communist Parties in the capitalist and colonial countries are building all their practical work, their strategy and tactics on the granite foundation of Marxism-Leninism.

Consistently and steadfastly exposing the treacherous, anti-national and, in relation to American imperialism, servile policy of the bourgeois governments, and the foul, splitting activity of the Right-wing Socialists, the Communist Parties of France and Italy have become leading parties in their countries, and persistently and diligently fight for the national interests of their people, for working-class unity, for immediate demands and democratic rights, and educate the working masses in the spirit of proletarian internationalism. The Communist Party of India, as is evident from the recent election, has become a powerful factor in the political life of India. The new programmes of the Communist Parties of Great Britain, India, Japan and of a number of other Communist Parties are vivid testimony to the creative application of the Marxist-Leninist teaching. Expressing the vital interests of the working class and of the entire people, these programmes, proceeding from concrete conditions in the respective countries, clearly define the aims of the struggle and ways and means for achieving them.

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The Communist Parties stand at the helm of the international movement for peace, for a Five-Power Peace Pact, against militarisation of the economy, for withdrawal of their countries from the aggressive blocs formed on the order of the U.S. imperialists, against the sanguinary aggression of the American imperialists in Korea, and against their using the bacteriological weapon.

The Communist and Workers' Parties are guided in their daily activity by the teaching of Lenin and Stalin on the need for living contact, for the closest contact between the Party and the masses. "The Party," says Comrade Stalin, "cannot lead the class if it is not connected with the non-Party masses, if there is no bond between the Party and the non-Party masses, if these masses do not accept its leadership, if the Party enjoys no moral and political credit among the masses".

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The experience of the Communist and Workers' Parties in the People's Democracies and the Communist Parties in the capitalist countries shows that where Party members are not divorced from the non-Party people, do not shut themselves up in their Party shells, where the Party lends an attentive ear to the voice of the masses, takes careful heed of their revolutionary instinct, studies the tactics of struggle of the masses, and in this way verifies the correctness of its policy, and, it follows, not only teaches but learns from the masses—there the success of Party policy is ensured, there the Party enjoys tremendous support among the people, there the influence of the Party grows day by day.

Boundless loyalty to Marxism-Leninism and fidelity to the Soviet Union, irreconcilable struggle against the bitter enemies of the working-class movement—the Right-wing socialists, despicable lackeys of capitalism, and the Tito fascist clique—these are the basic criterion of the militant qualities of any Communist Party, an indispensable condition for the growth of its influence among the masses and the correctness of its policy. Any deviation from Leninism, from proletarian internationalism, means betrayal of the cause of the working class, betrayal of the interests of one's people.

We are living in a period when the forces of peace, democracy and Socialism are growing, becoming stronger every day, when the old world—the world of capitalism, the world of exploitation, poverty and war—is disintegrating more and more. This clearly confirms, over and over again, the unshakable correctness of Leninism and serves as precursor of the coming triumph all over the world of the never fading Leninist ideas.