In Commemoration of the Birth Centenary of Lenin

Study of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought Must Be Enhanced

Articles published in Vanguard, organ of the Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist), point out that Comrade Mao Tsetung has enriched and developed Marxism-Leninism and stress the need to apply Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought in Australian revolutionary practice. They also lay bare the fact that Lenin's ideas have been basely betrayed by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique.

VANGUARD, organ of the Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist), has recently published a series of articles to mark the centenary of the birth of Lenin, stressing that it is imperative to enhance the study of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. In an editorial entitled "The Immortal Lenin," the paper says:

"April 22, 1970 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Lenin."

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The editorial points out, "Lenin added his name to that of Marx. 'Marxism-Leninism' described scientific socialism for more than 50 years. Today another genius has developed it — Mao Tsetung. We continue to speak of Marxism-Leninism. Now we add to it Mao Tsetung Thought."

The editorial continues, "Lenin lived in the period of the development of imperialism and the first workers' state.

"He actually participated in and led socialist revolution. He summed up development after the death of Marx.

"Lenin made a monumental contribution to the revolutionary cause. His very foundation statement was that without revolutionary theory there could be no revolutionary movement. All his life he fought to purify revolutionary theory and arm the revolutionary movement with it."

It says, "The Australian workers today seek revolutionary guidance. Lenin's ideas must be taken to them. Australian Communists need Lenin's ideas."

It notes, "The principles of our tasks in today's world have been lifted to an entirely new stage by Chairman Mao. They are a development of the ideas of Marx and Lenin."

In conclusion, the editorial says, "We can best celebrate Lenin's centenary and honour his work by study and acting on his immortal ideas."

Another article "100th Anniversary of Lenin's Birth" says:

"Lenin was the titanic genius who led the October Revolution. His actions proved the correctness of the theories of Marx and of himself."

The article says: "Lenin in his theory and practice showed the workers of the world the way to socialist revolution. That way led through the violent smashing of the counter-revolutionary violence of the capitalist class.

"Lenin's ideas have been basely betrayed by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. On the other hand they have been splendidly upheld and developed by Mao Tsetung and the People's Republic of China, and by Enver Hoxha and the People's Republic of Albania."

The article says: "Now we speak of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought because Lenin added to the treasure-house left by Marx and Mao Tsetung added to the treasure-house left by Marx and Lenin." The article says in conclusion: "In this year of Lenin's 100th anniversary we must enhance in every way our study of the theory and practice of Lenin, of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

"Our revolutionary practice must be the test of our theory."

Another article entitled "Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Lenin's Birth by Studying, Integrating Mao Tsetung Thought" states: To mark the centenary of Lenin's birth, we must study more closely his teachings and those of Chairman Mao.

The article says: "A central question is to study step by step with actual problems in mind. Study for study's sake is just useless.

"On the other hand, if we study Lenin so as to understand the Australian state apparatus and what to do about it, then we are lighting the path of the Australian revolutionary struggle."

It goes on to say: "A comparatively large number of people are now turning to communism in Australia. They approach members of our Party with questions about study. Their backgrounds differ. But we must try to study what is the best material for each."

"No one can swallow at one gulp all that Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung said. But it is a natural and commendable desire to want to do this. Experience shows that the step by step process is the all important thing. No one is really too tired to study a little. Chairman Mao's three famous articles Serve the People, In Memory of Norman Bethune and The Foolish Old Man Who Removed the Mountains are a wonderful statement of the lofty principles of communism. Everyone can grasp and apply them.

"They really put into theory and practice and develop Marx and Lenin's ideas.

"It is an inspiring task (and one easy to understand) to seek to serve the Australian people in revolutionary struggle. To try to do this is to integrate the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought (serve the people) with Australia's concrete conditions."

The article says: "Already we have spoken of Lenin on the state. Understanding of the principles of Lenin's teachings on the state is of prime importance in Australia when police activity, corruption and so on are so prominent. His ideas are universal; they need concrete application to Australia. Chairman Mao's statement: **'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun'** is a statement of a general truth about state power. It must be applied in Australia (integrated with Australian reality)."