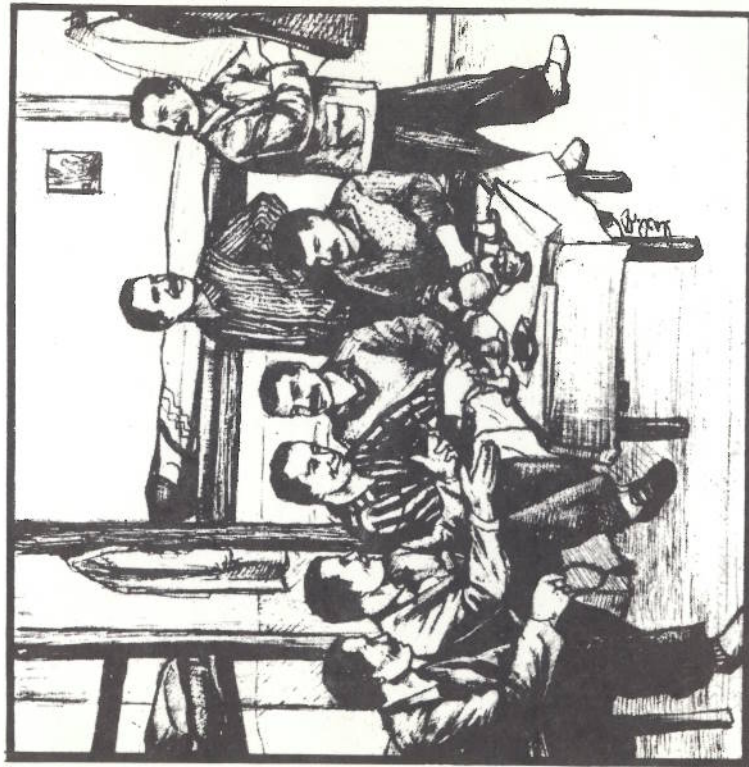


Workers are studying Marxism-Leninism in many countries. These drawings are from the Turkish paper Halkin Sesi.



## There Is No 'Mystique' about Marxism-Leninism

### A Reprint from 'The Australian Communist'

The study of Marxism-Leninism is being greatly enhanced among Australian workers, working and patriotic people. This is a very good thing. Only the correct integration of the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism with Australia's conditions can ensure national independence and socialism.

The paper *Vanguard* is publishing week by week instalments from the Marxist classics. These instalments are being eagerly read. Never before in the history of the revolutionary movement in Australia has this been done.

The actual development of revolutionary conditions in Australia and the world has given rise to the publication in *Vanguard* of these classics. Their publication arises from the concrete reality of Australia and, in turn, serves that reality.

Teachers by negative example are an important part of learning. In Australia there are good teachers by negative example. They write as "pure" "revolutionary" Marxists. They use some of the words of Marxism. One should study their words. Then it is revealed that what they write and say is arrant nonsense aimed at disrupting the revolutionary movement. But their words make genuine Marxism-Leninism stand out in brilliant clarity.

Turn to the pages of *Vanguard* or elsewhere to the Marxist classics for their cleansing effect from the filth of "revolutionism."

There is no mystery or mystique about Marxism-Leninism. The words of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tsetung are crystal clear. They require study and thought. They are not something that only a great "intellectual" or great "intellect" can grasp. On the contrary, all experience shows that the workers readily grasp the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tsetung.

Why do the ultra-"revolutionaries" create a mystique about Marxism? Why do they parade as the only Marxists? It is to intimidate people, to undermine the confidence of people. It is precisely the same tactic as the bourgeois. The bourgeois constantly, unceasingly, strives to undermine the confidence of the workers in themselves. This is very important to the bourgeois because a self-confident class-conscious working class is all-powerful. It is certain to make revolution. Hence the whole of bourgeois ideology treats the workers as impotent, stupid, of no account. It presents the only important people as the kings of industry. It is all a definite technique. The so-called ultra-"pure" "revolutionaries" do exactly the same thing in a "left" guise.

#### 'WISDOM' USED TO INTIMIDATE

They run around airing their "wisdom." They brandish their great "learning." They talk about the "relations of production being already socialized under capitalism." So learned! And yet the most profound ignorance. Let the words roll off the tongue, pronounce them with great authority and no one will argue, is the reasoning behind it all. Intimidate people with such "profound learning." The trouble is that many people have studied Marxism. They know that the *process* of production under capitalism is largely socialized and is in glaring contrast to private ownership. This is the form that the relations of production now take. This is in complete conflict with the so-called Marxist, but it is Marxism. Or they throw around the word "contradiction" in a way aimed at frightening people. They do not do it to enlighten people at all.

Again, there is no mystery about contradiction. There is no room for mystique. Materialist dialectics are the heart and soul of Marxism. They show that everything, every single thing, is composed of contradiction. Everything is in the process of change, of coming into being and passing away. The process of change is by the resolution of contradiction within the essence of things. There is no difficulty in this. Human beings are born, they die, their lives are in a continual process of coming into being and

passing away. There is no life without death and no death without life. We do not understand sorrow without understanding happiness, and so on. In electricity there is positive and negative; in mathematics, plus and minus; in capitalist society, capitalist and worker. What is all the mystery? One can say with comparative ease—read Chairman Mao's "Where do Correct Ideas Come From" and his "On Practice," "On Contradiction." Chairman Mao said: "What is a problem? A problem is the contradiction in a thing. Where one has an unresolved contradiction, there one has a problem. Since there is a problem, you must first make a preliminary investigation and study of the two basic aspects of the problem or contradiction before you can understand the nature of the contradiction. This is the process of discovering the problem. Preliminary investigation and study can discover the problem, can pose the problem, but cannot as yet solve it. In order to solve the problem it is necessary to make a systematic and thorough investigation and study. This is the process of analysis." ("Oppose Stereotyped Party Writing")

#### NO MYSTERY IN MARXISM

Not so difficult as our learned "revolutionaries" would have you believe! What is the problem in Australia? It is the contradiction between the vast productive forces (modern factories, modern means of production) and relations of production (ownership of those means of production by a handful and dependence on those owners of a vast number of workers). That is expressed in the socialization of the process of production and individual ownership. To solve that contradiction investigation and analysis show that the immediate problem, contradiction, is that between Australian workers, working and patriotic people on the one hand, and on the other, the superpowers monopoly capitalists and multi-nationals. Why make some mystery out of it? But our super-"revolutionaries" don't want anyone to understand this. Under the name of "revolution" they want to abolish revolution altogether, abolish its stages. That's why they throw their "learning" about, spin words, engage in endless "learned" debate.

Unfortunately for them there are sound revolutionaries, students of Marxism-Leninism both veteran and young and in between. These Marxist-Leninists have learned from the people in practice, in life. Amongst their learning is how to distinguish nonsense from Marxism-Leninism, how to discern genuine Marxist-Leninists, how to wage continuing revolution by stages.

It all stimulates correct study. The truth always grows in struggle with the false.