

Address to the staff and Students of the Lenin Party School at the closing ceremony of the 1981-82 Academic Year and in celebration of the School's 20th Anniversary

I have great pleasure in speaking to you, dear comrades, Party leaders of the Soviet Union, fraternal guests and above all the teachers and students of the Lenin Party School, who are undoubtedly the most important participants in this important event of celebrating the School's 20th anniversary

My pleasure comes from the opportunity to identify with a glorious and prestigious educational institution, renowned throughout the socialist and communist world as a centre of Marxist Leninist studies. It has given moral and intellectual guidance to tens of thousands of dedicated revolutionaries, practical workers dedicated to the struggle for socialism and peace, the struggle for liberation from imperialism, colonial rule, and its offshoots: colonialism, racism, fascisms, militarism, poverty, ignorance and exploitation of humans

The foundation of the School in 1962 supplied an urgently felt need for systematic and continuous instruction and research on a high plane in the concepts of Marxism-Leninism in all its many parts: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Political Economy, Socialist Construction, National Liberation, Capitalism, Imperialism and International Relations. We need only identify the wide range of the mes that fall within the scope of the School to recognise the high level of understanding, knowledge and conceptual insight (theoretical understanding and factual knowledge) required from students at this prestigious institute

Leninism, which embraces the entire range of theory and empirical knowledge accumulated in the writings of Marx and Engels, cannot be properly grasped in isolation from the contributions of scholars and thinkers throughout the age. A student of communism, of Leninist theory, must be acquainted also with the works of outstanding scientists who preceded the rise of Leninism or who advanced on parallel lines, often in conflict with Leninist principles. A Leninist is a revolutionary whose studies traverse the entire field of human development

Marxism Leninism is not a 'system' but a method of analysis, an conceptual tool for examining and comprehending the historical process, the nature of social formations, the conflict between classes and ~~the~~ national groups, the contradictions in the social process and the factors contributing towards or resisting the world wide advance to socialism. Leninism is a method of interpreting theory and applying it to the achievement of social justice, equality, peace and fraternity by constructing a world socialist order

We use such words as 'class conscious' and 'national conscious' to express the idea of a world outlook that rejects the false ideology and moral values of bourgeois society. To develop this understanding, which we call consciousness, we need to combine study with practical participation in the revolutionary proletarian movement. Leninism is a revolutionary theory and not an abstract exercise in philosophical speculation. It interprets the world but with the aim of transforming it through political action