

Leninism: the strongest revolutionary weapon

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On behalf of the Revolutionary Workers Party, I greet all the international participants of our conference and all our comrades and friends who follow us on various social media platforms.

We as the Revolutionary Workers' Party think that Lenin is not the past, but the future. He is the leader of the World Revolution today, as he was throughout his revolutionary life!

The 7th Congress of Revolutionary Workers Party assembled in 2023 declared 2024 as the “Year of Lenin.” This resolution formulated our party’s duty as: “To introduce Lenin’s thought and practice to the working class and youth of Turkey and explain how future generations can benefit from it.”

This should be the duty of revolutionary socialists of every nation. We hope that this conference will contribute to the achievement of this mission on an international scale.

Who is Lenin?

Lenin is the theorist and architect of the Bolshevik Party as a disciplined and democratic centralist proletarian war organization, from his work “What is to be Done” to the 21 conditions of the Comintern.

Lenin is the victorious tactician of the revolution from his work “Two Tactics” to

his “April Theses”. Lenin’s subtle tactics from the February revolution to the October revolution, his jeweler-like meticulousness in timing, and his contributions to the art of insurrection have been invaluable contributions to the theory and practice of Marxism.

State and Revolution is an excellent summary of Marxist state theory, a harsh slap in the face to his contemporary Kautskys who denied that the working class should in revolutionary manner dismantle the bourgeois state apparatus, but at the same time, firmly committed to the interests of the bureaucracy, he promoted the reactionary utopia of “socialism in one country” by claiming that the state would exist even under communism. It is a harsh warning to future Stalins who lead to radical revisionism.

“Left” Communism: A Childhood Disease is the symmetric of State and Revolution: This last one was a theoretical-political blow to the revisionist and opportunist right within the international socialist movement, while “Left” Communism is leaving aside the necessary links of the road to revolution and immediately turning to power. It is a warning and an answer to leftist movements that want it.

If Lenin had lived, it is clear from the time period known as “Lenin’s last struggle” how he would have struggled to establish the future in the newly established Soviet country. Lenin would never agree to a nationalist bureaucratic counter-revolution and continued to fight against it.

Above all from the years of First World War to the era of first world revolutionary wave of October Revolution from Zimmerwald to Comintern he is the leader of the world socialist revolution... This is how we see him...

The leader of British imperialism Winston Churchill of course would see him in a different perspective. Asked about Lenin, Churchill said “Was he someone who wanted to save the world and his method of doing it was to blow it up?”

“Blow it up”! The concept of “revolutionary” could only be expressed in this way on the language of an imperialist.

Yes! Lenin became the leader of the world revolution with the revolutionary and internationalist pole he built against the social democrats who tried to reconcile socialism with the imperialist system and repair the capitalist system with reforms. His revolutionary pole as a genuine Marxist pole, was insisting to blow capitalist state up rather than to reform it. And the name of this pole is called Leninism as well as Bolshevism and Revolutionary Marxism for one hundred years.

It is necessary to remember the two great leaders of the internationalist pole that Lenin built against social chauvinism under the difficult conditions of the First World War. Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht. They were also murdered by social democratic traitors on 15th of January, 4 years before Lenin. These three are the 3L’s of revolutionary internationalism...

Rosa Luxemburg exposed social democracy’s support of its own imperialist governments in the war with these words: “The global historical appeal of the **Communist Manifesto** undergoes a fundamental revision: proletarians of all countries, unite in peace-time and cut each other’s throats in war!” Liebknecht’s internationalist phrase “the main enemy is at home” was an expression of Lenin’s revolutionary strategy “turn imperialist war into civil war”. This strategy made Bolshevism an

enemy of imperialism as well as the nationalist bourgeoisie of their own country. This position was not only virtuous, it was also the revolutionary strategy that led the proletariat to conquer power in Russia.

Lenin saw the October revolution as the beginning of the world revolution. After Lenin became the leader of world communism, he used his doctrine on the national question to draw the path of the world revolution. The conclusion he reached was that, on the one hand, communism was necessary for the liberation of colonial and semi-colonial countries, that the material existence conditions of the peasantry of these countries were suitable for organizing in soviets, and on the other hand, it was possible for the people of these countries to have no reservations about communism, that they would be oppressed again by an oppressor nation, so they could be saved only thanks to communism's approach to the national question. Thus, Lenin draws the path of the world communist society of the future. He carries the communist program of Marx and Engels to a world scale and makes it universal. Liberation will occur through the unification of post-revolutionary peoples in the heart of the same federation, the Soviet state.

Leninist policy on national question, never understood by the centrist, right-wing fractions of Russian and world communism. Nationalist bureaucratic tendencies were opposed to Leninist policy of Nations from a Great Russian perspective. Also we can observe liberal and opportunist tendencies which defending right to self-determination referencing Lenin. But in reality, they are defending not Lenin's principles but Wilson's...

Nowadays these opportunists are speaking about Ukraine's right to self-determination against Russia not against NATO!

On the other hand! Russia's capitalist restorationist leader Putin accuses Lenin "placing a time bomb under the Russian state by drawing administrative borders along ethnic lines."

Putin is wrong. Lenin never placed a time bomb under the Russian state. He blew it up directly with the revolutionary cannons of Avrora. He demolished not Russia but the bourgeois Russian state and built a new state with new working class roots. A state which is protected by a new, Red, workers and peasants army! A state which is not Russian but a Soviet State. And this non-Russian Soviet state had become the worst nightmare of imperialist for a century long time. And hope for all oppressed nations of the World against colonialism and imperialism.

Is it very ironic that Churchill and Putin's unity against Lenin? Their class base unites them against Lenin. But the saying "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" is not always true.

Putin and Russia are now in a war against NATO and US and British imperialism. In the recent war which can be defined as a prologue for a World War 3 we need "concrete analysis of the concrete situation" as Lenin always said. In the present war, neutrality is unacceptable. No doubt! We are in favour of the defeat of NATO and its proxies. Again! "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" is not always true. So, we are following Lenin for the World revolution. And we shout "Soviet Union again!" We are not following Putin we don't give any political support to him who says "Soviet Union never again!"

Leninist war policy focuses on the analysis of the present war based on the interests of the world proletariat and the world revolution. As Lenin says “Marxism requires a concrete assessment of each separate war.”

For the present war, we must understand that the political aim of today’s present war is to bring Russia and China to their knees by sieging them in military and economic ways by US led imperialism. We must understand the political goal of this war is to carry the capitalist restoration to its logical conclusion by turning these giant countries into giant semi-colonies and further possibly to divide them into pieces.

For the present genocidal war of Zionist Israel against Palestine, we don’t separate this war from the general imperialist campaign of imperialism. Regarding the future war, our attitude will be the same in the wars of US imperialism, directly or through its proxies, against China, Iran or North Korea. We don’t give political support to the leadership of these countries but unconditionally we are in favor of the defeat of US imperialism.

Lenin’s theory of imperialism saves us from the mistake of falling into a reactionary policy of neutrality by declaring Russia and China as imperialists. Lenin’s theory of imperialism shows us that the Russian economy, in which the export of raw materials is decisive, not the export of capital, or China, in which the export of commodities is decisive, not the export of capital, cannot be described as imperialist. Lenin provided us with the necessary tools to distinguish between expansionist policies or struggles for regional influence, on the one hand, and imperialism, on the other, which means the struggle for domination over the world.

Leninism is unity of theory and action, unity of strategy and tactics fully dedicated to the main goal “world socialist revolution.”

Leninism is the strongest revolutionary weapon at the hands of world proletariat. Why not may be a bomb to blow up not the world as Churchill said but the imperialist world order.

We need that weapon. We need this revolutionary political bomb rather than bombastic fads and fashions like post labeled ideologies, countless types of identity politics and liberal-left garbage.

Lenin’s thought passed through the test of history successfully. We have witnessed the confirmation of Leninism in the victories and defeats of the world proletariat. From the October Revolution to the collapse of the Soviet Union, the determining factor in victories and defeats was the presence or absence of the Leninist party. Speaking in terms of world revolution, we can say that victory and defeat will depend on whether the Comintern, which represents the organizational pinnacle of the Leninist party, is rebuilt or not. Of course, this task cannot be achieved without the programmatic achievements of the Fourth International.

The era of proletarian revolutions opened by the October Revolution continues. Revolutions are happening. We will see revolutions, we must prepare their victory. Therefore, the answer to the question “What is to be done” is still the same! Forward to the construction of revolutionary workers’ parties and international that organize the vanguard of the working class and put an end to imperialist capitalist barbarism!