

FROM CHAIRMAN MAO'S WORKS:

"It is man's social being that determines his thinking. Once the correct ideas characteristic of the advanced class are grasped by the masses, these ideas turn into a material force which changes society and changes the world."

— "Where Do Correct Ideas Come From?"

Chairman Mao Has Elevated Marxism-Leninism to a Completely New Stage With Great Talent

— Comrade Lin Piao's Letter

Following is a letter written by Comrade Lin Piao on the creative study and application of Chairman Mao Tse-tung's works on the industrial and communications front. It was printed in "Renmin Ribao" and all other Peking papers on June 19. — Ed.

THE industrial and communications departments have stressed putting politics in command and putting politics first. It is very good to do this. It is very helpful for raising the level of political consciousness of the working class and for strengthening our socialist construction. It will further increase the initiative and creativeness of the working class and make our socialist cause flourish more. You are putting energetic study of Chairman Mao's works as the first item in all policies guiding the work of industrial and communications departments. That is very good.

China is a great socialist state of the dictatorship of the proletariat and has a population of 700 million. It needs unified thinking, revolutionary thinking, correct thinking. That is Mao Tse-tung's thinking. Only with this thinking can we maintain vigorous revolutionary enthusiasm and a firm and correct political orientation.

Mao Tse-tung's thought reflects the objective laws of the domestic and international class struggle; it reflects the fundamental interests of the proletariat, of the working people. Mao Tse-tung's thought has not grown spontaneously from among the working people; it is rather the result of Chairman Mao's inheriting and developing with great talent the ideas of Marxism-Leninism on the basis of great revolutionary practice. It has summed up the new experiences of the international communist movement and elevated Marxism-Leninism to a completely new stage.

Therefore, it is essential to imbue the workers and peasants with Chairman Mao's thought through the creative study and application of his works. Only so can the mental outlook of the working people be changed and spiritual forces be transformed into tremendous material strength.

The industrial and communications departments have started acting in this way in the last few years. The current meeting of these departments has summed up experience and put forward new measures. Fresh successes will certainly be achieved.

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