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EDUCATION
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Announcement of Courses for 1944

First Term. January-March

Second Term. April-June

Third Term. July-September.

Fourth Term. October-December

727 GEORGE STREET
SYDNEY.

MARX HOUSE.

Marx House was founded as a memorial to Karl Marx (1818-1883), leader and teacher of the working class. Its main function is to aid and supplement the educational activities of the political, trade union, workshop and other organisations of the working class.

If ever there was need for intensive historical, social and political education, it is now.

History has placed great responsibilities upon our generation. It has confronted us with the task of smashing Axis slavery, preserving our national independence, safeguarding our democratic way of life, and preparing ourselves to build a new and better social order when victory brings peace.

These responsibilities bring additional heavy tasks for all. To fulfill them with honour is the sacred duty of every working man and woman. In the midst of our every day practical work, however, we must study, study, **STUDY!**

"Theory is the light which guides the feet of practice."

Marx House study courses are scientific, theoretical and practical. Our teachings are based on the principles of scientific socialism—Marxism-Leninism. A wide range of subjects is covered in the curriculum, including history, economics, politics and philosophy, as well as a number of practical organisational subjects.

Marx House aims to provide **KNOWLEDGE**, which is so vitally necessary to the workers in the battle for a People's Victory, a People's Peace, and a New Way of Life.

Full particulars can be obtained from
THE SECRETARY, MARX HOUSE, 727 GEORGE ST., SYDNEY.

MARX HOUSE MEMBERSHIP

A.—FULL MEMBERSHIP is open to all members of the Communist Party. The fee is 10/6 per year from date of joining. Full members are entitled to free enrolment for any of the courses; free attendance at Sunday night lectures; free use of the library; a free copy of any bulletins issued; and reduced prices of admission to any special functions conducted by Marx House.

B.—ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to non-members of the Communist Party, and offers a practical way of expressing support for the activities of Marx House. The annual fee for Associate Membership is ONE GUINEA. Associate members have the right to free use of the reference library; free attendance at Sunday night lectures, and are entitled to receive a free copy of any information bulletins issued by Marx House.

ENROLMENT FOR COURSES.

Only those students who have previously enrolled, either through the District Education Committees or at Marx House, will be admitted to evening classes, week-end courses or fortnightly schools. **NO ENROLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER CLASSES BEGIN.**

Those who fail to enrol for the **FIRST TERM**, commencing **JANUARY 17th**, must wait for the commencement of the **SECOND TERM** in **APRIL**.

CLASS FEES.

Marx House members are entitled to **FREE ENROLMENT** for any of the courses. The fee for non-members of Marx House is 2/6 for each complete 10-lesson evening course or week-end school, paid in advance. Special arrangements will be made with the Districts for non-members selected to attend the fortnightly schools.

DURATION OF CLASSES.

Each evening course takes ten weeks, consisting of eight lessons, a written and/or oral test, and a review and summing up by the Tutor. Week-end and fortnightly schools are complete in themselves.

TEXT BOOKS.

Marx House will supply an Outline of Study with each course, but students are expected to provide their own text books and other study material.

SIZE OF CLASSES.

Intending students are advised to enrol early, as the size of all classes will be strictly limited. Marx House Committee reserves the right to cancel or discontinue any class where the enrolment is below fifteen.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

Students who complete a course and pass the test to the satisfaction of the Tutor will have their Marx House Membership Cards stamped with a Red Star. When five such stars have been won, the student will receive from Marx House an Illuminated Certificate of Merit. Marx House members who complete Study Courses 1 and 2 in the Branches are entitled to one star.

MINIMUM STANDARD.

A minimum standard of theoretical knowledge, such as that obtained from completion of Study Courses 1 and 2 in the Branches, or the equivalent through past or private study, is expected from intending students at Marx House.

Exceptions may be made in special cases by arrangement with Marx House.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

Marx House hasn't the facilities to provide correspondence courses on the various subjects in the curriculum. But special arrangements will be made with country people or others unable to attend organised study circles to send them material and advice on how to study, and to assist them by correspondence where necessary.

They may also be helped through Study Courses 1 and 2 if they join Marx House. Their answers to the questions in these courses will be checked, and explanations forwarded.

TUTORIAL BUREAU.

For those engaged in Tutorial work, the Marx House Tutorial Bureau provides special services. Advice and assistance will be given on how to conduct classes, how to maintain interest, etc. Difficult questions which arise in the course of private studies or in classes may be referred to the Tutorial Bureau. A consultation with a member of the Tutorial Bureau, if desired, may be arranged by appointment through the Secretary of Marx House.

HANDBOOK FOR TUTORS.

The Handbook for Tutors, prepared by Marx House, is invaluable for all tutors and students alike. No tutor or student should be without this handy little guide. The Handbook can be obtained from any party literature seller or direct from Marx House. PRICE, 1/-.

HOW TO STUDY.

How to Study is another valuable guide prepared by Marx House, which contains worth-while hints on how to organise your studies, how to read, how to take notes, etc. Both pupils and tutors will find this pamphlet most useful. Obtainable through the same sources as the Handbook; the PRICE is 1d.

MARX HOUSE LIBRARY.

Marx House Library has a collection of Marxist-Leninist books and pamphlets. Students are urged to make full use of its facilities.

We appeal to all students and friends of Marx House to help us enlarge the library, and so increase its value and service.

All who have books, particularly those dealing with Australian history, social, economic, political, scientific or philosophical subjects, are urged to donate them to the Marx House Library.

All books must be read in the Library and cannot be taken away.

DESCRIPTION OF EVENING COURSES.

FIRST TERM COMMENCES MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

SECOND TERM COMMENCES MONDAY, APRIL 17.

THIRD TERM COMMENCES MONDAY, JULY 17.

FOURTH TERM COMMENCES MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Deals with the economic teachings of Marx and Engels and their continuation by Lenin and Stalin. Lays bare the secret of capitalist exploitation—surplus value; explains the causes of "depressions" (economic crises); shows the superiority of socialist planned economy over capitalist economy and demonstrates why and how the former must supplant the latter. The Course is based on Leontiev's Political Economy, A Beginner's Course.

Every Friday at 8 o'clock.

TUTOR: Eric AARONS.

FOUNDATIONS OF LENINISM.

Deals with what is Leninism? How it arose and developed; the Leninist method of approach; the role of revolutionary theory in the Labor Movement; what is the Dictatorship of the proletariat; what is Soviet Power; the role of the farmers in the revolution; the part played by the colonial liberation movement; strategy and tactics as the science of leadership in the class struggle; and finally, what must be the characteristic features of a Marxist Party. The course is based on Joseph Stalin's brilliant exposition of the Foundations of Leninism.

Every Tuesday at 8 o'clock.

TUTOR: Les. GREENFIELD.

HISTORY OF THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY.

Traces the rise and development of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks)—the Party of Lenin and Stalin. How the Party was founded. Its theoretical and organisational principles. How it won the confidence and leadership of the Russian workers and peasants. How it remained at the head of the masses in times of adversity as well as in periods of triumph. How it organised and led the victory of Socialism. The course is based on the Short History of the C.P.S.U.

Every Wednesday at 6 o'clock.

TUTOR: Steve PURDY.

THE UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM.

Deals with the class character of fascism, and how it can be defeated by a united working class front. What is the United Front? How can it be achieved? What is the People's Front? How can it be established? What is the Government of the People's Front? What circumstances are necessary for its establishment? What is the attitude of Communists towards it? Is the Labor

Government a People's Front Government? How can we achieve unity with the Labor Party workers? The role of the middle classes, etc. This course is based on Dimitrov's historical report to the 7th World Congress of the Communist International, but it is brought up to date, and answers all the vital questions of the present day struggle for unity against fascism and reaction. A useful refresher course for members who have covered the same subject in the past.

Every Wednesday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: June MILLS.

HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

This course deals with the origin and development of trade unionism from 1850 onwards. The struggle for the 8-hour day. The Eureka Stockade. The Great Maritime Strike of 1890. The struggles of the Shearers, Miners, Seamen and Waterside Workers. The formation of the Australian Labor Party. The I.W.W. The Anti-Conscription fight. The General Strike in N.S.W. in 1917. The One Big Union. The foundation of the Communist Party in 1920 and its subsequent history.

Every Communist should be familiar with the history of his own country in general, and the history of its Labor movement in particular.

Material, B. Fitzpatrick's "Short History Australian Labor Movement," and L. Sharkey's "Notes on History of C.P. of A.," and his other writings on Australian Labor history.

Every Monday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: Ted WALSHAM.

BACKGROUND OF THE WORLD LABOR MOVEMENT.

It is impossible to thoroughly understand Socialism without some general knowledge of world history, particularly the history of the International Labor Movement. This course deals with the conditions under which Marx and Engels first began to organise and teach the working class. The Industrial Revolution. British Trade Unionism. Chartism. Continental Socialism. The First International. The Paris Commune. Rise of Social Democracy. The Second International. The Imperialist War. The Russian Revolutions. The rise of Communism.

Every Wednesday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: Ernie CAMPBELL.

LEFT WING COMMUNISM.

Deals with the international significance of the Russian Revolution; why the Bolsheviks were so successful; the principal stages in the history of the Bolshevik Party; who are the enemies within the working class movement; the relations between Leaders, Party, Class and Masses. Our attitude towards the trade unions. Our attitude towards capitalist parliaments. Why we participate in elections. When and when not to compromise. Mistakes we must avoid, etc.

The course is based on Lenin's "Left Wing Communism," which is one of the most concise and popular expositions of Marxist strategy and tactics ever written.

Every Tuesday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Marion DELANEY.

STATE AND REVOLUTION.

How did the State arise in society? What does it consist of? What is its real role and function? What is the reformist attitude towards the State? What is the anarchist attitude towards the State? What is the Marxist attitude towards the State? Can the workers emancipate themselves through parliamentary institutions? What is democracy? What is dictatorship? What becomes of the State under Communism? All these and many more equally vital questions are raised and answered during this important course, which is based on Lenin's pamphlet, "State and Revolution," and the last section of Stalin's speech to the 18th Party Congress, "Some Questions of Theory," and sections of Dimitrov on Fascism.

Every Friday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Frank GRAHAM.

MARXISM-LENINISM AND THE TRADE UNIONS.

This course deals with the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin on the Trade Unions and the application of their teachings to Australia. What is the "Labor aristocracy"? What is reformism? What is the true role and function of compulsory arbitration? What are economic strikes? What are political strikes? When to strike and when not to strike. What is craft unionism? What is industrial unionism? What are Shop and Factory Committees? How can the Australian trade union movement be still further strengthened organisationally and politically?

Every Communist, particularly trade unionist members, should study this very important subject. The course is based on L. L. Sharkey's "The Trade Unions" and E. Thornton's "Stronger Trade Unions."

Every Thursday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Mick RYAN.

Every Thursday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: Arthur OLIVE.

DIALECTICAL AND HISTORICAL MATERIALISM.

Dialectical materialism is the world outlook, or philosophy of the Communist Party. Historical materialism is the study of social life in the light of this philosophy. The education of a Communist who hasn't studied dialectical and historical materialism is incomplete. This course, which deals with the subject briefly and simply, is suitable for beginners in Marxist philosophy. Deals with the general laws of development of nature and society. The relation of mind to matter, thinking to being, etc. What is mind? What

is matter? What constitutes the mainspring of social development? All these and many more equally important philosophical questions are dealt with in the course, which is based on Stalin's pamphlet, "Dialectical and Historical Materialism."

Every Wednesday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Ernie CAMPBELL.

MARXISM-LENINISM AND THE AGRARIAN PROBLEM.

No student can understand the economic teachings of Marx who hasn't mastered the theory of ground rent. What is the source of the landowners' profit? How are land "values" determined? How are the farmers exploited under capitalism? Why is large scale farming superior to small scale? What gives rise to the debt burden which is crushing Australian agriculture? What are the main class divisions met with in the countryside? What sections of the rural population can be won for the revolution? What is our programme for the Australian farmers?

All these vitally important questions are dealt with in the course, which is based on Capitalism in Agriculture, from Leoniev's "Political Economy," Lenin's "Agrarian Thesis," and Current Party Literature.

Every Tuesday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: Lance SHARKEY.

IMPERIALISM.

What is Imperialism? What is monopoly capitalism? How did monopolies arise? What is their significance? What is industrial capitalism? What is banking capital? What is finance capitalism? Is Australia an Imperialist country? What are colonies? What are dependencies? What causes war? etc.

All these and many more equally important economic and political questions are dealt with in this course, which is based on Lenin's Imperialism. Students should also read "Monopoly" and the story of "B.H.P."

Every Tuesday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: Ted LONDON.

MARXISM-LENINISM AND THE NATIONAL AND COLONIAL QUESTION.

What is a nation? What is a colony? What is the significance of colonial and national oppression and exploitation under capitalism? What is the significance for Socialism of the struggle of national and colonial peoples for their liberation? India. China. Pacific Islands. How did the Soviet Union solve the national problem? What national and colonial problems do we face in this country?

This course is based on Stalin's pamphlet, "The National Question," and on the booklet, "Hindu National and Hindu Muslim Unity."

Every Thursday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Norman JEFFREY.

THE PEOPLE'S WAR AGAINST FASCISM.

The character of the war; the role of the Soviet Union; the basis of anti-Fascist unity on an international scale; on a national scale in Australia; tasks of working class in the war; significance of Anglo-Soviet Pact, Soviet-American Agreement; the Moscow Conference; Cairo Conference, and Three Power Conference at Teheran, etc.

Material, Lenin on War; Stalin's speeches since June, 1941. Resolution of 13th National Congress, C.P. of A.

Every Wednesday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Bob WELLS.

LIFE UNDER SOCIALISM.

How the people live, work and fight under Socialism in the Soviet Union. The factory; the farm, the Red Army; creche; kindergarten; schools; clubs; hospitals; universities; the Soviets; the Party, etc.; religion and personal private property.

Material, Sloan's "How the Soviet State is Run."

Every Monday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Jean BLUE.

CIVICS.

The role of the State; the Australian Constitution; Federal and State Parliaments; their relationship; municipal and shire councils; mass work in these spheres; Soviet and Australian States.

Every Friday at 8 o'clock.

COMMUNIST MANIFESTO.

None can call themselves Communist who haven't studied this immortal classic of the great teachers and leaders of the working class—Marx and Engels.

Written in 1848, the Manifesto expounds in a brilliant fashion the materialist conception of history, which forms the foundations of all Marx's teachings.

The years have not dimmed the Manifesto's brilliancy, nor lessened its value for present-day students of Socialism.

Every Tuesday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: John O'DONNELL.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

This course exposes the ideological roots of opportunism in the Labor movement. It shows how reformism represents the influence of capitalism inside the working class movement. It deals with the relation between spontaneity and consciousness in the class struggle, between economics and politics. It shows just how and why a revolutionary party must have a revolutionary theory. Clearly demonstrates the need for a union of Socialism with the mass Labor movement. Deals with the relation of trade union politics to socialist politics. Has a particular value for Australia, where trade unionism is so strong.

The course is based on Lenin's "What is to be Done?" which provided the ideological basis for the Bolshevik Party in Russia.

Every Monday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Carl KING.

HOW TO BECOME AN EFFICIENT BRANCH EXECUTIVE.

This course deals in a practical way with the organisational and political problems encountered by Branch executive members. How to prepare for and how to conduct Branch meetings. How to activate branch membership. How to initiate, organise, and lead mass political campaigns locally. How to increase membership. How to consolidate gains made. How to raise the political level of the Branch, etc. Those already filling Branch executive positions or aspiring to such positions shouldn't fail to enrol for this course.

Every Wednesday at 8 o'clock. TUTORS: Len. DONALD and Wally CLAYTON.

HOW TO BECOME AN EFFICIENT TREASURER.

Finance is the life blood of the Party. Money raising is a front line political task; better to obtain 12 pennies from 12 people than 1/- from one. Every single penny of income and expenditure must be strictly accounted for. Not just in any old fashion, but in accordance with the systematic procedure laid down. This course will teach Branch treasurers how to keep their accounts straight, how to avoid headaches, and how to keep the life blood of finance flowing in a steady stream. Only three lessons in this course.

Every Monday at 6 o'clock. TUTOR: Jack SIMPSON.

JOURNALISM.

A practical and theoretical course in Journalism. Specially intended for editors and writers of local factory bulletins. Deals with what is news; how to gather news; how to present news. Sub-editing; make-up. Lay-out. In brief, everything the editor of a bulletin or small paper wants to know about his job.

Every Tuesday at 6 o'clock.

HOW TO TUTOR A CLASS.

This course is mainly for those who are engaged in tutorial work, or those desirous of taking up such work. It deals with the question of how to prepare your lectures or notes for the class. How to overcome nervousness. How to develop live and interesting discussions in the class, etc.

Every Friday at 6 o'clock.

HOW TO BECOME A PUBLIC SPEAKER.

This course aims to develop effective public speakers. Deals with preparation of material; voice production; voice control; delivery, etc. Students actually learn by doing. Heckle hour is a feature of this course in its more advanced stages.

Every Monday at 8 o'clock. TUTOR: Diana GOULD.

RUSSIAN CLASS.

An extra fee is charged for this language class—one guinea for 12 lessons, or 2/- per lesson.

Every Thursday at 8 o'clock.

Tutors and dates may be altered for the 2nd Term. Inquire at districts or at Marx House for any alterations.

WEEK-END SCHOOLS.

Date		For Members of Undermentioned Districts	Subject
JANUARY	8-9	City	The Party
"	22-23	East Sydney	Political Economy
"	29-30	Cumberland	The State
FEBRUARY	5-6	North Sydney	Labor Movement
"	12-13	City	Trade Unions
"	19-20	West Sydney	Political Economy
"	26-27	East Sydney	The State
MARCH	4-5	Cumberland	Labor Movement
"	11-12	North Sydney	The Party
"	18-19	City	Political Economy
"	25-26	West Sydney	The State
SECOND TERM.			
APRIL	1-2	East Sydney	Labor Movement
"	8-9	Cumberland	The Party
"	15-16	North Sydney	Trade Unions
"	22-23	City	The State
"	29-30	West Sydney	Labor Movement
MAY	6-7	East Sydney	The Party
"	13-14	Cumberland	Trade Unions
"	20-21	North Sydney	Political Economy
"	27-28	City	Labor Movement
JUNE	3-4	West Sydney	The Party
"	10-11	East Sydney	Trade Unions
"	17-18	Cumberland	Political Economy
"	24-25	North Sydney	The State

Schedule for Third and Fourth Terms will be announced later.

Week-end Schools may be held either at Marx House or at another suitable place arranged by the District concerned. Unless otherwise notified, the times will be from 2.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Saturdays, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Members of all Districts may attend another District's week-end school if the time suits them.

SPECIAL WEEK-END SCHOOLS IN WORK AMONG WOMEN AND YOUTH WORK WILL BE ARRANGED. WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOLS, 1944.

First Term:

- 1st School begins Monday, Jan. 17; ends Friday, Jan. 28.
- 2nd School begins Monday, Feb. 14; ends Friday, Feb. 25.
- 3rd School begins Monday, March 13; ends Friday, March 24.

Second Term:

- 1st School begins Monday, April 17; ends Friday, April 28.
- 2nd School begins Monday, May 15; ends Friday, May 26.
- 3rd School begins Monday, June 12; ends Friday, June 23.

Third Term:

- 1st School begins Monday, July 17; ends Friday, July 28.
- 2nd School begins Monday, Aug. 14; ends Friday, Aug. 25.
- 3rd School begins Monday, Sept. 11; ends Friday, Sept. 22.

Fourth Term:

- 1st School begins Monday, Oct. 16; ends Friday, Oct. 27.
- 2nd School begins Monday, Nov. 13; ends Friday, Nov. 24.
- 3rd School begins Monday, Dec. 11; ends Friday, Dec. 22.

CURRICULUM.

- Monday Political Economy 1.
- Tuesday Political Economy 2.
- Wednesday .. The Communist Party—A Party of a New Type.
- Thursday History of the Communist Party of Australia.
- Friday Composition and Structure of the C.P. of A.
- Saturday Dialectical Materialism (10 a.m.—12 noon).
- Monday Character of Fascism and the War against the Axis.
- Tuesday Unity Against Fascism.
- Wednesday .. History of the C.P.S.U.—February Revolution.
- Thursday History of the C.P.S.U.—October Revolution.
- Friday History of the C.P.S.U.—The Growth of Socialism in the S.U.

PROCEDURE.

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| 9 - 10 | Lecture | 1 - 2 | Reading |
| 10 - 12 | Reading | 2 - 3 .. | Discussion among Students |
| 12 - 1 | Lunch | 3 - 5 | Class |