

## **Dmytro Zhdanov**

Famous philosopher, rector of the Voroshilovgrad State Pedagogical Institute named after T.G. Shevchenko in 1975–1986 Dmytro Zhdanov was born in the city Genichensk Kherson oblast on April 16, 1929 in the family of employees. In 1936 parents moved to Zaporozhye, where the boy went to school. Training was interrupted by war. This family was not disturbed either: it had to be under German occupation for two years, in 1943 his father was killed at the front. He graduated from School in 1947 in the village of Tyun, in Kyrgyzstan, where he happened to be due to the relative's illness.

In the same year, the young man returned to Zaporizhzhya, entered the local pedagogical institute and in the following year he was transferred to Kyiv Pedagogical Institute named after M. Gorkiy, graduated with honors in 1951 with a degree in philology of Russian language and literature. At the institute Dmitry took a great interest in philosophy and made his own scientific searches in the field of this science and was recommended to study at postgraduate studies.

After graduating in 1954, he completed his postgraduate studies at Kyiv State University named after T.G. Shevchenko, he successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis and, having arrived after graduation from Voroshilovgrad Pedagogical Institute, he started teaching career as a senior lecturer in the Department of Marxism-Leninism. Extraordinary abilities of Dmytro Oleksandrovych as a teacher, organizer, scientist has appeared there. He prepares numerous publications, develops a training course in philosophy, and teaches students skillfully, is involved in the work of a freelance lecturer on the area of Communist Party of Ukraine, heads the Department of Philosophy at the Evening University of Marxism-Leninism, he was elected as a chairman of the institute of trade union committee, and later - deputy secretary, secretary of the party organization of the institute.

In 1960, D. Zhdanov became an associate professor, and the following year he headed the selection of the associate professor at the Department of Marxism-Leninism a new department - Philosophy. Defending in 1971 doctoral dissertation and after receiving the title of professor, he began his training as a philosopher through the graduate school of the institute. To his numerous public affairs was added some new - management by the regional council of departments of social sciences.

In April 1975, Dmytro Oleksandrovych was appointed as Rector of Pedagogical Institute. He had been holding this position until March 28, 1986, when suddenly, in the prime of his creative powers, he passed away.

The work of D.A. Zhdanov - teacher, scientist, rector - was awarded by the following awards: Order of the Red Banner of Labor, Badge of Honor, Medal for Valiant Work. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of VI Lenin, the Certificate of Honor Presidium of the Verkhovna

Rada of the USSR, medal of AS Makarenko, badges of the Ministry of Higher Education and Secondary Special Education of the USSR "For Excellence in Work", Ministry of Education USSR "The Excellence in Public Education". By decision of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian SSR and Ukrainian Trade Union Councils in 1979 and 1982 at the Walk of Fame of the Exhibition of Achievement of the national economy of the USSR was installed his portrait.

Working as a rector, Dmytro has contributed to significant development of the oldest higher educational institution of Donbass. Number of students per that time increased from 5.3 thousand to almost 7 thousand, the Faculty of Teachers of primary schools was opened (now the Institute of Pedagogy and Psychology), the Faculty of the Future teachers was created, a computer base began to form. Number of teachers with scientific degrees and scholarship doubled. Evidence of the high authority of the Institute there were holding all-union conferences, seminars and meetings, in particular, all-union meetings of teachers of general biological disciplines of pedagogical institutes, meeting of the seminar of the deans of faculties of physical education.

Dmytro paid special attention to the improvement of living conditions and student life: three modern student dormitories built for 1900 places, the household service complex, where they were located, was put into operation canteen, pedagogical book shop, sewing workshop, student club-cafe. Amateur dance troupe "Kobzar", student's men's choir "Integral", all over Ukraine became known student construction units as Flames, Grenada, Globe, Atlanta. In 1979, the track and field team and in 1981 - gymnasts won the sports competitions of higher educational establishments of the USSR.

Dmytro Oleksandrovykh was a state and public figure, repeatedly elected as a deputy of the Regional Council of People's Deputies, a candidate for members of the Communist Party of Ukraine, since 1977, he served as chairman of the board of the regional organization of the company "Knowledge" and a board member of the republican organization of this society, was delegated to the XXVI CPSU Congress (1981). Zhdanov was elected a deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of the USSR of two convocations, served on the Union Council as a member of the Commission on Youth.

Philosopher Dmytro has created significant scientific works, among which the monographs "The Emergence of Abstract Thinking", "At the Origins of Thinking", "Prehistory of Thinking", articles in the journals "Questions of Philosophy", "Problems of philosophy", "Philosophical thought". His contribution to philosophical science was an introduction the concept of "protoform thinking", which gave impetus to the research of the 70-80's about brain symmetry; development of the theory of imagination as a structural unit of thinking which reformed; determining the relationship of biological and social in the formation thinking; consideration of the evolution of forms of thinking. D. Zhdanov was a member of the specialized counseling for the dissertation on

philosophy at Kyiv and Kharkiv universities, Republican Council for the study of philosophical issues of contemporary development science.

Possessing a brilliant lecturer talent, he was so able to convey to students, PhD students have complex philosophical notions that his classes impressed with their perfection and powerful intellectual charge, and philosophical seminars led by Dmytro Oleksandrovych, always gathered a full audience. In discussions, and not only in them, he did not deviate from his own, was quite unyielding, persistent. The consummate speaker, Dmytro Oleksandrovych in numerous speeches at sessions of councils, plenums, conferences demonstrated models of logic, ability to speak the language, to capture the listeners with their thoughts and ideas.

Well-known scientist, talented teacher, statesman, wonderful person – Dmytro Oleksandrovych remains like this in memory of many generations of students, teachers, colleagues, everyone who was happy to communicate with him.