

people of the third world for a resolute struggle against imperialism and hegemonism.

Comrade Mao Tsetung, you will live for ever in our hearts.

The Central Committee of the
Japanese Workers' Party

September 10, 1976

Letter From General Secretary Wilcox of Communist Party Of New Zealand

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of
China,

The Government of the People's Republic of China
and the Chinese People

The National Committee of the Communist Party of New Zealand, on behalf of the whole Party, class-conscious workers, and friends of China, conveys its profound grief and sense of deep loss at the news of the death of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and founder of the Chinese People's Republic.

Comrade Mao Tsetung was not only the theoretical and practical leader of the historic Chinese revolution; he was also the leader of the world proletarian revolution, the great continuer of the cause of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

In the course of long and arduous struggles against the imperialists and the reactionary classes within China, Comrade Mao led the Chinese Party and people to glorious victories in the Chinese revolution, inspiring the masses of people throughout the world with confidence in their own ability to shake off oppression and win socialism. In these struggles Comrade Mao established himself as the foremost theoretician and strategist of people's war.

The life and achievements of Comrade Mao cannot be separated from his theoretical and practical leadership of the proletarian revolutionary line in a series of two-line struggles both before and after liberation, against both "Left" and Right opportunism, especially in recent years against the bourgeois lines of the capitalist roaders headed by Liu Shao-chi, Lin Piao and Teng Hsiao-ping.

Comrade Mao is one of the giants of revolutionary thought. He has made enormous contributions to Marxist-Leninist theory, in particular to Marxist-Leninist philosophy, to the theory of basis and superstructure, the theory of the class struggle and the dictatorship of the proletariat, the national-liberation struggle and the Party. Of special significance has been his contribution to the theory of continuing class struggle under socialism in order to bar the door to a revival of capitalism in new forms.

September 30, 1976

Like Lenin in his time Comrade Mao carried on a major struggle to preserve the purity of Marxist-Leninist theory from the attacks of revisionism headed by the renegades of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from Khrushchov onward. The work of the Communist Party of China under Mao's leadership in this connection has been of world historic importance.

Comrade Mao was a great creative thinker and practical leader. In the last decade of his life he personally led the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution which established the necessity of continuing revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. He guided the work of building socialism in China by brilliantly integrating the principles of Marxism-Leninism with the practice of the Chinese revolution.

The purpose of Mao's life and work was the same as that of the other great teachers and leaders of the world revolution: The emancipation of the working class, and therewith of all oppressed people, from the rule of capitalism and imperialism. He never failed to emphasize the role of the masses of the people in creating and in changing society and creatively developed their participation in the practical work of administering socialist society.

The workers and oppressed peoples of the world have lost a tried and trusted comrade, teacher and leader. In their mourning they will rally still more closely around his revolutionary line and teachings for the struggles ahead.

Comrade Mao's teachings on the mass line are summed up in the phrase: From the masses, to the masses. To no one does this apply more than to Mao himself.

From the masses he drew his strength and wisdom,

To the masses he devoted his life and work.

V.G. Wilcox

General Secretary of the National Committee
of the Communist Party of New Zealand
September 10, 1976

Message From Vilar of Central Committee of Communist Party of Portugal (M-L)

The Central Committee of the Communist Party
of China,

First Vice-Chairman Comrade Hua Kuo-feng
of the C.P.C. Central Committee,

The Chinese people

Dear Comrades:

We learnt with deepest grief of the death of Comrade Mao Tsetung. The Communists of Portugal were