

New Zealand C.P. Turns Down C.P.S.U.'s Invitation

V.G. WILCOX, General Secretary of the Communist Party of New Zealand, in a cable to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on behalf of the C.P.N.Z.'s Political Committee, declined the C.P.S.U.'s invitation to send a delegate to attend its 23rd Congress.

The cable reads as follows:

Thank you for your invitation to send a fraternal delegate from the Communist Party of New Zealand to your 23rd Congress.

After consideration we must regretfully decline in view of the outstanding ideological differences not yet dealt with in a Marxist-Leninist manner which exist

between our two Parties and between the leadership of the C.P.S.U. and a number of other fraternal Parties standing firm on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and rejecting the insidious ideas of modern revisionism.

In view of this we consider no useful purpose would be served by our attendance. In fact, attendance would be embarrassing to us and possibly to you.

May we extend greetings to the membership of the C.P.S.U. with the wish that your proceedings will be based on those Marxist principles so brilliantly expounded in theory and conducted in practice by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.