

Mao Tse-tung's Thought Is a Compass for All People Aspiring to Change the World

— V.G. Wilcox greets the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China

V.G. WILCOX, General Secretary of the Communist Party of New Zealand, in a statement issued on August 2 on behalf of the Party's National Secretariat, said: "The Communist Party of China has set the world a great example in the creative application of Marxism-Leninism to the conditions in one's own country. Its Central Committee, headed by the greatest Marxist-Leninist of our day, Comrade Mao Tse-tung, has brilliantly integrated the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of the Chinese revolution."

This statement issued to greet the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China pointed out: "China stands today as the great bastion of the world's peoples against the savagery of U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of all mankind. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, China has never wavered in its determination to uphold the interests of the toiling people of the world in the face of U.S. nuclear threats and constant war provocations.

"The peoples of the colonial and dependent countries who are waging national-liberation struggles against imperialist oppression draw strength from the knowledge that China champions their cause and that the Chinese people and Party stand shoulder to shoulder with them in the struggle.

"Above all, this is true of the embattled people of Vietnam, who are heroically resisting the armed might of the U.S. aggressors, and who know with certainty that China will stand by them, come what may."

The statement noted: "Just as the Communist Party of China stands in the forefront of the struggle against imperialism, so, too, it stands in the forefront of the struggle to unite the world communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.

"The Communist Party of China has performed a service of incalculable value to the international working class and the revolutionary peoples in heading the struggle against the attempts by Khrushchov and his revisionist followers to emasculate Marxism-Leninism of its revolutionary content." It said: "The Communist Party of China has played the leading role in exposing their [the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union] betrayals and rallying the genuine revolutionaries in the communist movement to the defence of the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism."

It pointed out: "The steadfastness of the Communist Party of China in applying and upholding the basic principles of communism, in defending proletarian internationalism and Marxist-Leninist ideology, is in a great measure due to the outstanding leadership and creative genius of Comrade Mao Tse-tung."

Warmly praising Mao Tse-tung's thought, the statement said: "In his theoretical works, Comrade Mao Tse-tung has creatively enriched the teachings of the great Marxist-Leninists of the past — Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. Comrade Mao's works brilliantly combine the scientific approach of Marxism-Leninism with unquenchable revolutionary spirit. Expressing the thought of a great revolutionary, they are a com-

pass for the guidance and inspiration of all people aspiring to change the world.

“The thought of Mao Tse-tung, which has guided the Communist Party of China from success to success in the most difficult and complex of circumstances, is the embodiment of Marxism-Leninism in the present era of imperialism in decline and the transition to socialism on a world scale.”

The statement said that it was Comrade Mao Tse-tung and the Communist Party of China who first showed, on the basis of a profound analysis of the developing world situation, that the storm centres of revolution had shifted from Europe and the West to Asia, Africa and Latin America. “This correct viewpoint, which emphasizes the need for the working class of the West to unite with and support the struggle of the oppressed peoples, points the way forward both for the national-liberation movement and for the working class of the developed capitalist countries, including New Zealand.”

Of tremendous importance is Comrade Mao’s contribution showing the necessity of carrying through the socialist revolution to the end in the field of culture and ideology, the statement continued.

“The experience of the world communist movement is that the process of eliminating bourgeois ideology from its entrenched positions is a much more protracted one than the actual political revolution.

Only by carrying through the class struggle to the end as a necessary task of the socialist revolution can bourgeois ideology be eliminated.

“Recognition of this necessity, pointed out by Comrade Mao and the Communist Party of China, arms the working class and all revolutionaries against the dangers of ideological degeneration in Communist Parties of socialist countries, and thereby guards against the possibility of a ‘peaceful transition’ from socialism back to capitalism, such as is now taking place in the U.S.S.R. and some other socialist countries under revisionist leadership.” **The statement hailed the great cultural revolution now proceeding in China, seeing in it an earnest of the Chinese people’s determination never to permit the restoration of capitalism.**

It said: “The leadership and the theoretical work of Comrade Mao has been of decisive importance in making the science of Marxism-Leninism the daily guide and working tool of tens of millions to a degree never before known. As a result, Marxist-Leninist theory has become a mighty material force for the further rapid economic and cultural development of China. At the same time, a great new impetus has been given to making Marxism-Leninism a mass question among the toiling people internationally.

“Our Party is confident that the Communist Party of China will continue the glorious traditions established over 45 years of fighting history and will advance still further the cause of world socialism,” the statement concluded.