

Wilcox Denounces Modern Revisionists for Undermining National-Liberation Movement

THE modern revisionists were undermining the national-liberation movement and holding back the people's revolutionary struggle in the revolutionary storm-centres of today, wrote V.G. Wilcox, General Secretary of the Communist Party of New Zealand, in an article entitled "Contradictions and Revisionism," carried in the June issue of *New Zealand Communist Review*, a theoretical journal of the C.P.N.Z.

The article pointed out, **the modern revisionists "do not see the full significance of the victory of the national revolution on a world scale, nor do they see the need to assist in carrying that victorious revolution forward to the socialist revolution. They, therefore, give lip-service to the struggles of the oppressed peoples, they give insufficient practical aid, particularly when faced with firm opposition from U.S. imperialism."**

The article said: "The revisionists speak glibly of the key role of the working class in imperialist strongholds and of the advance to socialism in those strongholds, but they ignore or call dogmatists those who say that, for the advance to revolution in the imperialist strongholds to become a practical possibility, further and complete victories must be achieved in what are today the storm-centres of world revolution, Asia, Africa, and, to a degree, Latin America.

"They even have the impudence to speak of those who do not agree with their negative non-revolutionary position as just 'agrarian revolutionaries,' not Communists. As glibly as Kautsky of old, they speak of proletarian victory in the capitalist world but fail to help create the conditions that will make that victory possible. . . . **In practice, they attempt, by over-emphasis on negotiation with imperialism and by lack of effective assistance, to hold back the struggle in the revolutionary storm-centres of today. It is there where people are fighting imperialism with guns in their hands, mainly captured from the imperialists, dying in the struggle, but delivering heavy blows against imperialism."**

The article went on, "We must not listen to glib talk of peaceful coexistence. Peaceful coexistence not in Lenin's sense but in the concept of possible long-term peace with imperialism, to over-emphasis of the possibilities of peaceful transition to socialism on a world scale, to ideas of the possibility of total disarmament shortly while imperialism exists and fights.

"We must, in ordinary everyday language, explain our position to our masses and we must explain our

policy based on a Marxist-Leninist approach and not on revisionist idealistic illusions. Only in that way can we move forward in the countries of imperialism, not just in words, not just by waving a little red flag, but by actually doing something.

"Recently in some countries we have seen, including New Zealand, considerable activity, demonstrations against the United States imperialists following the bombing of north Viet Nam, and support for the struggle for the people of south Viet Nam and of Southeast Asia against U.S. imperialism. This has been on a fairly wide basis."

It said, "But let us look at this on a world scale. Did the revisionists like these kind of actions? Judging by the speed with which demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in Moscow recently were crudely suppressed, the answer is 'No.' In fact, the speed of apologizing to the U.S. imperialists was almost like greased lightning.

"This raises the question of what is the basic cause of the modern revisionists getting into this position? Is it not that on many questions they have revised Marxism to such a point that on essential aspects of understanding the nature of the contradictions in the world today they are totally astray? Consistently they make it plain that for them they see the contradiction between socialism and imperialism, not just as the major contradiction but as the only one of any importance. They merely give lip-service to other contradictions in our world."

The article pointed out, "**They fail to see or deliberately ignore the primary importance from a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist approach of the contradiction between imperialism and the oppressed people of the colonial world and the newly liberated areas at this stage of history. They ignore the fact that today, in 1965, it is the merging of the contradictions between the imperialists and the old colonial world — the oppressed people of Asia, Africa and Latin America — that is the storm-centre of revolutionary struggle against imperialism, and therefore, for Marxist-Leninists both in the socialist countries and outside, the forwarding of this struggle in those areas is the core of successful anti-imperialist struggle. They fail to see that its success is a step nearer to the final defeat of imperialism, its death on a world scale."**

In conclusion, the article said, "We can, only from this, fully understand and see the correct road forward, clearly see that the victory over imperialism in the

present revolutionary storm-centres places on the agenda the possibility of defeat of a then-weakened imperialism in the strongholds of imperialism, the old capitalist world, of which we are part. For us in New

Zealand it would then be an immediate task to advance and put into practical activity our policy, New Zealand's road to socialism."

(Boldface emphases are ours.)