

"N.Z. Communist Review" Calls for Study of Chairman Mao's Solemn Statement

N.Z. Communist Review, organ of the Communist Party of New Zealand, published in its July issue the full text of the solemn statement issued on May 20 by Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people, entitled "People of the World, Unite and Defeat the U.S. Aggressors and All Their Running Dogs!" and carried an editorial board comment: Mao Tsetung's Clarion Call. The comment warmly supports Chairman Mao's solemn statement.

"The solemn statement of Mao Tsetung issued on May 20th," the comment noted, "represents the continuation, in present-day conditions, of the mighty *Communist Manifesto* of Marx and Engels of 1848.

"'People of the World, Unite and Defeat the U.S. Aggressors and All Their Running Dogs!' This is the great present-day clarion call of Mao Tsetung."

The comment pointed out that Chairman Mao's statement, though brief, is an immensely rich and profound analysis of the class struggle of the world's people against the common enemy of mankind — U.S. imperialism. It must be studied and re-studied. Each study will make clearer that contained within it, is the call to action against U.S. imperialism, and its lackeys, in each particular country in the world. It is not only a call to the people of the revolutionary storm centres — Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is a call to the working people of each country, including the metropolitan countries, to raise their class struggle too, to the level of storm centres of revolt against American imperialism.

The comment added that the struggles of the workers of New Zealand and the workers and peasants of Viet Nam are the common struggles of common victims against a common enemy — U.S. imperialism.

It said: "The escalation of the U.S. aggression to Cambodia and Laos has enlarged this common struggle

for the N.Z. workers. It has given rise to a broad Southeast Asian united front. This extends far beyond the boundaries of the three countries.

"The working class of New Zealand, Maori and Pakeha, and its allies, are swept by their very class position, and by the U.S. political and economic aggression against N.Z., into a Southeast Asian and Oceanic united front against U.S. imperialism."

The comment stated that penetrating study of Mao Tsetung's statement will help the N.Z. working class, and in particular N.Z. youth, to see how their role can be lifted from its present level, to higher forms of revolutionary action.

The comment said: "Today, the Communist Party line, exposing foreign monopoly and the role of Holyoake and Kirk as stooges of the U.S., has become widely understood. It is becoming clearer to ever wider sections daily.

"Never have the conditions been more favourable for the revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Party of the working class to fulfil its task of arming the industrial workers, and the N.Z. youth, with the spirit of Marxism-Leninism."

The comment said that the study of Mao Tsetung's clarion call raises the question of carrying the class struggle in N.Z. through to the end — to establishment of state power of the working class (dictatorship of the proletariat).

It pointed out: "The raising of this question forces us to examine, what are the main obstacles in the way of building the revolutionary unity of the working class, necessary to fulfil this task. That study, in turn, exposes Labour Party ideology and trade union politics as the main roadblocks. They prevent the N.Z. working class from turning its struggles, for economic

demands, into struggles against the political power of the exploiting class — in the first place U.S. imperialism.

“Revolutionary unity — unity of the working class based on Marxism-Leninism — is death to imperialism.

Revolutionary unity is the key to the victory of the socialist revolution in New Zealand.”

The comment emphasized that Mao Tsetung's call was ringing around the world. “It is giving new impetus to the world-wide anti-imperialist movement.”