

China's Cultural Revolution Is in the Interests Of the People of the World

— Statement by V. G. Wilcox, General Secretary of
The Communist Party of New Zealand

V.G. WILCOX, General Secretary of the Communist Party of New Zealand, in a statement published in the September 14 issue of the weekly *People's Voice*, organ of the Party, warmly applauded China's great proletarian cultural revolution as "of tremendous historic importance," and the revolutionary action of the Red Guards as "an excellent thing."

The statement said: All the "conscious workers and genuine socialists will applaud the great developments in socialism now taking place in China. The movement of China's revolutionary youth who have formed themselves into the Red Guard, is a movement for the consolidation of the socialist revolution and for the total elimination of the hangovers of capitalism."

The statement sternly refuted rumours and slanders on the action of the Red Guards. It said that **"the Red Guards are in the front rank of the great working class cultural revolution now under way in China."** Their revolutionary action **"is an excellent thing for China and the world."**

It noted, "the aims of the cultural revolution are fully in line with the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism. They are in the interests of the toiling people throughout the world.

"For this reason, the cultural revolution is opposed and denounced, not only by the imperialists, but also by their hangers-on, the Soviet revisionists and their followers abroad.

"Having abandoned the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism themselves, they are busy condemning China's cultural revolution and the Red Guard movement.

"But any class-conscious worker can judge who is right and who is wrong from the evidence at hand."

Wilcox pointed out, "China's youth are filled with revolutionary fervour. Millions of them are taking part in a movement to strengthen socialism. The nature and scale of this movement is unprecedented in history."

The statement said, "What is happening in the Soviet Union and in those socialist countries whose leaders have followed the revisionists? Are not the youth there being encouraged to ape the ways of capitalism more and more? . . . In the economic life of these countries the trend is back to capitalism, so, too, in their cultural life, capitalist ideas, methods and customs are becoming stronger."

It continued, "The opposite is happening in China.

"That is something that must be welcomed by all who value socialism."

The statement emphasized, "China's great working class cultural revolution and its Red Guard activists are of tremendous historic importance, for they are a guarantee that China's future will remain unshakably socialist. . . . It is also the guarantee that world socialism will have a strong and enduring base for the future, come what may."