Chairman Mao Is the Greatest Marxist-Leninist

- Article by E.F. Hill, Chairman of the Australian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)

E.F. HILL, Chairman of the Australian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist), in an article published in the Vanguard on April 13, stressed that Chairman Mao Tse-tung "is the greatest living Marxist-Leninist." "In contemporary world the position of Mao Tse-tung is of critical importance. One's attitude to him is a watershed dividing the Marxist-Leninists, revolutionaries, from the revisionists, from those who would adapt the working class and the working people to capitalism," he wrote.

Hill pointed out that Chairman Mao has made a gigantic contribution to the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism. "Mao Tse-tung is a foundation member of the Chinese Communist Party. From the very beginning of his revolutionary activities he saw with Marxist-Leninist clarity, and with genius, the reality of the contemporary world and of China. He elucidated the theory of the Chinese revolution." Hill drew particular attention to the conclusion drawn from reality by Chairman Mao that the revolutionary forces must have an army. "From that theory arose the fact and practice of the Chinese Liberation Army. That practice has absolutely confirmed the correctness of his theory. This army is an army of a special kind. Mao Tse-tung developed the theory of the liberation army as the chief arm of the dictatorship of the proletariat. That theory has been proved correct in practice right up to this very moment in the great proletarian cultural revolution."

Highly praising the theory elaborated by Chairman Mao that a single spark can start a prairie fire, he declared: "The liberated bases of the Chinese revolution were the practice of this theory. The correctness of the theory was proved in the practice of China's liberation."

He went on to say that "Mao Tse-tung elaborated and developed the theory of the revolutionary Party, the Communist Party. In accordance with that theory the Chinese Communist Party was built in practice. The practice of the Chinese Communist Party in leading the liberation of China proved the correctness of the theory."

He pointed out that Chairman Mao Tse-tung has elucidated and developed the Marxist-Leninist theory of knowledge and of dialectics in On Practice and On Contradiction and developed systematically the Marxist-Leninist theory of art and literature in Talks at the Yenan Forum on Literature and Art. Practice has proved the correctness of these theories which have become a material force.

"Mao Tse-tung has elaborated and developed in a unique way the theory of the continuing existence of classes and class struggle in socialist society. Practice gave rise to theory and confirmed theory. Today the earth-shaking proletarian cultural revolution is demonstrating the correctness of the theory. The theory and practice of Mao Tse-tung's thought are guaranteeing China against a return to capitalism," Hill stressed.

Referring to the current international situation, he said: "The central contradiction in the world today is the struggle of the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America against imperialism and in the first place, against U.S. imperialism. Mao Tse-tung has elaborated the theory and practice of struggle. Practice is demonstrating the correctness of Mao Tse-tung's views." He emphatically pointed out: "Revisionism is the main danger to the revolutionary forces. This theory in the contemporary world is a product of the thought of Mao Tse-tung. Imagine the disaster to the revolutionary forces if the genius of Mao Tse-tung had not challenged Soviet modern revisionism. In the days gone by it was not so clear to see. But with the far-sightedness of genius Mao Tse-tung has laid bare the nature of revisionism. Practice has a million-fold confirmed his correctness."

Hill then stressed the importance of the great Chinese proletarian cultural revolution to the future of China and the world revolution. He pointed out that Mao Tse-tung has performed an inestimable service in rousing the Chinese people to take up the fight against modern revisionism. Without that fight, the Chinese people were in danger of going back to capitalism. Now that the masses have been aroused and a handful of Party persons in authority taking the capitalist road exposed, a new stage of China's advance and the advance of Marxism-Leninism throughout the world has been reached. The Marxist-Leninist forces are advancing by leaps and bounds.

Hill concluded: "On every field Mao Tse-tung has developed Marxism-Leninism. His defence and development of the dictatorship of the proletariat means that the oppressed people of all the world have a weapon of unprecedented power in the liberated China." Mao Tse-tung's thought "is a beacon light," he said.