

# Integrating Mao Tse-tung's Thought With Revolutionary Practice in Australia

*Vanguard*, organ of the Australian Communist Party (M-L), warmly hails excellent situation of world revolution

**VANGUARD**, organ of the Australian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist), carried an important article on February 20, warmly hailing the excellent international situation and calling on the Australian revolutionaries to integrate the great thought of Mao Tse-tung with the practice of the rising revolutionary movement in Australia so as to push the Australian people's struggle ahead.

The article points to the growing revolt throughout the world against imperialism. "People's struggle is not only on the upsurge in the countries dominated by imperialism but it is also raging in the imperialist countries themselves," it says.

The article goes on: "People everywhere are in action against the rule of monopoly capital. In many countries the class struggle has reached its highest form, armed struggle, civil war.

"This world-wide revolt is spreading. And it is spreading very rapidly. In every capitalist country the workers are striking against exploitation. They are rising in their millions."

"Running parallel with these actions of the workers," the article continues, "is the developing revolt of the young people, students and others. The young people are fearlessly challenging the authority of the capitalist state. They are beginning to meet counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence.

"The world-wide revolt of the young people is no passing affair, no 'youthful outburst.' It is running very deep. It is persistent. It has been going on unabated for more than a year now. It is not slackening but is rising to greater heights."

The world situation, the article states emphatically, fully confirms the assessment made by Chairman Mao in 1962: "The next 50 to 100 years, beginning from now, will be a great era of radical change in the social system throughout the world, an earth-shaking era without equal in any previous historical period. Living in such an era, we must be prepared to engage in great struggles which will have many features different in form from those of the past."

Dealing with the domestic situation in Australia, the article says: There is also a rising struggle of the peo-

ple. Already this year there have been many strikes, some nation-wide. The youth persist in their revolt against conscription and Australia's involvement in the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam. Fines, threats of imprisonment and mounting police violence have failed to intimidate them. Their struggle is bound to rise, to take on new, higher forms.

The article asks: "What then is the task of all revolutionary and progressive people in Australia? Is it to separate the Australian people's struggles from those that are raging right across the world? Is it to direct these struggles into 'orthodox' channels—into parliamentary elections and into the narrow confines of trade unionism? Is it to find some 'special solution' through such vague slogans such as 'unity of the left' and so on?

"No! The way forward is to give every struggle of the people revolutionary perspective. This involves the most intense struggle against the opportunists, reformists and revisionists. It means bringing Marxism-Leninism at its highest stage of development, the thought of Mao Tse-tung to the Australian people.

"This is the primary, fundamental and urgent task. Without Marxism-Leninism, the thought of Mao Tse-tung, the people's struggles will end up in a blind alley."

It stresses that revolutionary perspective means joining up the struggles of the people of Australia with the struggles of the world's peoples; it means breaking with parliamentarism and trade union politics. Only through struggle with reformism and revisionism and other bourgeois trends will the working class become prepared for the seizure of power and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The article concludes: "At present the world revolutionary situation is excellent. The imperialists are disintegrating and likewise their handmaidens, the revisionists, the centre of which is Soviet revisionism.

"The imperialists, headed by U.S. imperialism, are surrounded by the people. This fact is becoming obvious. By pushing the people's struggles forward we can play our part in the defeat of imperialism and the world-wide victory of socialism."