Peking Pays Last Respects to Comrade Chu Teh

A SOLEMN memorial meeting was held on the afternoon of July 11 in the Great Hall of the People to pay last respects to Comrade Chu Teh, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

After Comrade Chu Teh's death, the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country were filled with deep grief. The national flag was flown at 'half-mast in mourning throughout China on July 11.

An atmosphere of solemnity and reverence prevailed in the memorial meeting hall which was draped in black. On a streamer hung across the entrance to the meeting hall was inscribed: "Eternal glory to Comrade Chu Teh, great proletarian revolutionary of the Chinese people!" In the hall, a portrait of Comrade Chu Teh hung above the casket containing his ashes. The casket was draped with the flag of the Communist Party of China and surrounded by orchids and other flowers.

Wreaths were presented by our great leader Chairman Mao and the C.P.C. Central Committee.

There were also wreaths from other Party and state leaders Hua Kuo-feng, Wang Hung-wen, Ye Hsien-ying, Chang Chun-chiao, Soong Ching Ling, Chang Ching, Yao Wen-yuan, Li Hsien-nien, Chen Hsi-ien, Chi Tung-kuei, Wang Tung-hsing, Wu Teh, Wei Kuo-ching, Chen Yung-kuei, Wu Kuei-hsien, Su Chen-hua, Ni Chih-fu, Hsu Hsiang-chien, Nieh Jung-chun, Chen Yun, Tan Chen-lin, Li Ch'ching, Chou Chien-jen, Hu Chueh-wen, Li Su-wen, Yao Lien-wei, Wang Chen, Yu Chiu-li, Ku Mu and Sun Chien; Vice-Chairman of the C.P.P.C.C. National Committee Shen Yen-ping; President of the Supreme People's Court Chiang Hua; Members and Alternate Members of the C.P.C. Central Committee then in Peking; Members of the N.P.C. Standing Committee; Members of the Standing Committee of the C.P.P.C.C. National Committee; leading members of the departments under the C.P.C. Central Committee and government departments; leading members of the general departments of the P.L.A., the military academies, the Peking Units and the Peking Garrison of the P.L.A.; leaders of the Peking Municipal Party Committee and the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee; representatives of Peking workers, peasants and soldiers; patriotic personages; and staff members who had worked at the side of Comrade Chu Teh and medical workers who had attended him.

Comrade Kang Ke-ching attended the memorial meeting. Party and state leaders present on the occasion extended sincere condolences to her and relatives.

Wang Hung-wen, Vice-Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee, presided over the memorial meeting which began with the playing of funeral music and all present standing in silent tribute.

A memorial speech was delivered by Hua Kuo-feng, First Vice-Chairman of the C.P.C. Central Committee.
and Premier of the State Council. (See page 6 for full text.)

At the end of the memorial meeting, the casket containing Comrade Chu Teh's ashes was moved to the Papaoshan Cemetery of Fallen Revolutionaries under the escort of Comrades Chen Hsi-lien, Wu Teh and Li Su-wen.

During Comrade Chu Teh's hospitalization, Party and state leaders had called on him in the hospital and inquired after his health.

The Chinese national flag was flown at half-mast in mourning at Hsinhuamen, Tien An Men, the Working People's Palace of Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the capital after the obituary notice on Comrade Chu Teh's decease was published.

Leaders of the Party and state, leading members of Party, government and army departments and residents in the capital, more than 3,000 in all, went to Peking Hospital on July 8 to pay their last respects to the remains of Comrade Chu Teh.

Memorial Services

Solemn memorial services were held in the Working People's Palace of Culture on July 9 and 10 to mourn Comrade Chu Teh. Fifteen thousand workers, peasants, commanders and fighters of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, office cadres and students, with feelings of esteem, love and grief, went there to pay tribute to the memory of Comrade Chu Teh, a great revolutionary fighter and proletarian revolutionary of the Chinese people. They all pledged to learn from Comrade Chu Teh's proletarian revolutionary spirit and noble revolutionary qualities and, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee with Chairman Mao at its head, take class struggle as the key link, deepen the great struggle to criticize Teng Hsiao-ping's counter-revolutionary revisionist line and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse correct verdicts, strive to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and fight for the victory of communism.

The wreaths presented by our great leader Chairman Mao and the C.P.C. Central Committee and those from other Party and state leaders, Party, government and army departments, people's organizations, patriotic compatriots of Taiwan Province, compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao and overseas Chinese were laid in the mourning hall.
Wreaths were presented by many Marxist-Leninist Parties and organizations, state leaders and governments of many countries, foreign friendship groups and organizations, ambassadors to China, embassies as well as foreign guests, specialists, students and trainees in Peking. They included:

The Central Committee of the Albanian Party of Labour; the Presidium of the People's Assembly and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Albania; Nicolae Ceausescu, General-Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Socialist Republic of Romania; the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Burma; the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Thailand; the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Malaya; the Delegation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Indonesia; Wen Ming Chuan, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of North Kalimantan; the Communist Party of Brazil; the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Portugal (Marxist-Leninist); the Central Committee of the Organization of the Communists of Italy (Marxist-Leninist); the Marxist-Leninist Organization of the Italian Bolshevik Communists; the Central Committee of the U.S. October League (Marxist-Leninist); and

The King of Belgium; the Head of State, President of the Supreme Military Council and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Chad; Queen Margrethe II of Denmark; the President of the Republic of France; the President of the Federal Republic of Germany; President Ahmed Sekou Toure; the Prime Minister, Government and people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana; the President of the Republic of Italy; the Emperor of Japan; Prime Minister Takeo Miki of Japan; President Didier Ratsiraka of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar; Colonel Moussa Traore, President of the Military Committee for National Liberation; President of the Government and Head of State of Mali; King Olav V of Norway; the President of Pakistan; the Prime Minister of Pakistan; President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Republic of the Philippines and Mrs. Imelda R. Marcos; the Prince-Regent of Sweden; President of the Republic of Togo General Gnassingbe Eyadema; President Habib Bourguiba of the Republic of Tunisia; the President of the Republic of Turkey; Queen Elizabeth II of Britain; President Mobutu Sese Seko and the people of the Republic of Zaire; the Government of the Republic of Argentina; the Government and people of Canada; the Government of the Hellenic Republic; the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the Government and people of New Zealand; the people and Government of Peru; the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation; the Foreign Minister of Japan; and the Foreign Minister of the Philippines.

Among those paying their last tribute at the Working People's Palace of Culture were Thakin Ba Thein Tin, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Burma; Jusuf Adjitorop, Head of the Delegation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Indonesia and Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Indonesia; and other foreign comrades and friends based in Peking or visiting the city.

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Chinese Party and state leaders Yao Wen-yuan, Chen Hsi-lien, Wu Teh, Chen Yung-kuai, Wu Kuei-hsien, Ulunfu, Li Su-wen and Yao Lien-wei, and Chi Feng-te, Secretary-General of the P.O.C. Standing Committee, Koeng Fiao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, and Chiao Kuan-hua, Minister of Foreign Affairs, took turns receiving the foreign mourners and expressing profound gratitude to them.