

Party and State Leaders and Representatives Of Peking People Pay Last Respects With Extreme Grief to Remains Of Comrade Chou En-lai

AS the people of all nationalities throughout China are in deep grief over the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, great proletarian revolutionary of the Chinese people and outstanding communist fighter, Party and state leaders, with love, respect and extreme grief, called at the Peking Hospital on January 10 and 11 to pay their last respects to the remains of Comrade Chou En-lai together with leading members of various departments of the Party, Government and army, representatives of patriotic democratic personages and over 10,000 representatives of the people in the Chinese capital.

Draped with the flag of the Communist Party of China, the body of Comrade Chou En-lai lay in state amid flowers, surrounded by evergreen.

The Party and state leaders who went to pay their last respects were Chu Teh, Wang Hung-wen, Yeh Chien-ying, Teng Hsiao-ping, Chang Chun-chiao, Soong Ching Ling, Chiang Ching, Yao Wen-yuan, Li Hsien-nien, Chen Hsi-lien, Chi Teng-kuei, Hua Kuo-feng, Wang Tung-hsing, Wu Teh, Chen Yung-kuei, Wu Kuei-hsien, Su Chen-hua, Ni Chih-fu, Kuo Mo-jo, Hsu Hsiang-chien, Nieh Jung-chen, Chen Yun, Tan Chen-lin, Li Ching-chuan, Chang Ting-cheng, Tsai Chang, Ulanfu, Ngapó Ngawang-Jigme, Chou Chien-jen, Hsu Teh-heng, Hu Chueh-wen, Li Su-wen, Yao Lien-wei, Wang Chen, Yu Chiu-li, Ku Mu and Sun Chien; Vice-Chairmen of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Shen Yen-ping and Pebala Gelieh-Namje; and President of the Supreme People's



Representatives of the people in Peking pay their last respects to the remains of Comrade Chou En-lai.

Court Chiang Hua. They stood in silent tribute in front of the remains of Comrade Chou En-lai and extended sincere sympathy to Comrade Teng Ying-chao, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and old comrade-in-arms and widow of Comrade Chou En-lai.

From morning till night on January 10 and 11, groups after groups of grief-stricken people called at the hospital to pay their last respects to the remains of their respected and beloved Premier. The comrades expressed their firm determination to turn grief into strength, learn from Comrade Chou En-lai's proletarian revolutionary spirit and noble revolutionary qualities and, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Mao, unite as one, take class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, uphold proletarian internationalism, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, fulfil the Party's tasks still better, win still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction and strive for the triumph of the cause of communism.

At 4:45 on the afternoon of January 11, the remains of Comrade Chou En-lai were escorted by Comrades

Wang Hung-wen, Wang Tung-hsing and Teng Ying-chao, staff members of the funeral committee and friends of the late Premier to the Papaoshan crematory.

Among those who also went to the Peking Hospital to pay their last respects to the remains of Comrade Chou En-lai were Members of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Alternate Members of the C.P.C. Central Committee, Members of the N.P.C. Standing Committee, Members of the Standing Committee of the C.P.P.C.C. National Committee in Peking, and leading members of departments under the C.P.C. Central Committee and government departments, the general departments, arms and services of the People's Liberation Army, the Science and Technology Commission for National Defence, military academies, the Peking Units and the Peking Garrison of the P.L.A., the C.P.C. Peking Municipal Committee and the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee.

Paying last respects to the remains of Comrade Chou En-lai were also Tan Chi-lung, Peng Chung and other representatives of the C.P.C. Chekiang Provincial Committee and the Chekiang Provincial Revolutionary Committee and the C.P.C. Kiangsu Provincial Committee and the Kiangsu Provincial Revolutionary Committee, who had made a special trip to Peking.

Premier Chou En-lai's Passing Deeply Mourned

Message of Condolence From Comrades Enver Hoxha, Haxhi Lleshi and Mehmet Shehu

Comrade Mao Tsetung,

Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

Peking

We are grieved to learn the passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, one of the most outstanding leaders of the Party and state of China and a closest, most beloved and venerated friend of the Albanian people.

The death of Comrade Chou En-lai means for the Chinese Communist Party, the People's Republic of China and the entire Chinese people, the loss of a great revolutionary, a long-tested leader of the Party and state of China and one of the closest comrades-in-arms of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Comrade Chou En-lai dedicated his whole life, all his energies, wisdom and strength to the great cause of the Chinese revolution,

of building socialism in China and of all-round progress and prosperity of the People's Republic of China.

Comrade Chou En-lai had worked faithfully to implement Chairman Mao Tsetung's revolutionary line and to build and strengthen the Communist Party and the socialist state of China. He had made valuable and indelible contributions to the triumph of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the movement to criticize Lin Piao and Confucius and to the struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism and modern revisionism.

The passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai deeply grieves the Albanian people, as it deprives them of one of their dearest and most distinguished friends. Comrade Chou En-lai had worked wholeheartedly and tirelessly to strengthen the great fraternity between our two Parties, two peoples and two countries and develop their close and all-round relations and co-operation.

Our people, men and women, young and old, will always cherish the memory of his visits to Albania, his cordial meetings and conversations with our working people and his sincere respect and warm friendship and love for the Albanian people. Comrade Chou En-lai was a staunch supporter of our people in their common

struggle against imperialism, revisionism and other reactionaries.

The people of our country will never forget his great interest in attention to and special concern for the steady development of Albania's socialist construction and its all-round progress.

While expressing condolences on the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, the Albanian people, the Albanian Party of Labour, the Presidium of the People's Assembly and the Government of the People's Republic of Albania extend the sincerest sympathy with the Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and the State Council of the People's Republic of China and the family of Comrade Chou En-lai.

We are convinced that the fraternal Chinese people will turn this great loss into fresh strength and steadily push ahead the cause for which Comrade Chou En-lai had fought and worked tirelessly till his last breath. The revolutionary exploits of Comrade Chou En-lai will always inspire the great Chinese people, under the wise leadership of the glorious Chinese Communist Party headed by the great Marxist-Leninist Chairman Mao Tsetung, to achieve one brilliant and tremendous victory after another in socialist revolution and construction, in smashing the imperialist and revisionist warlike machinations, and in the struggle for the victory of Marxism-Leninism and communism throughout the world.

The image of Comrade Chou En-lai as an indomitable revolutionary and a staunch Marxist-Leninist will always be a supreme model for all the revolutionaries and progressive and freedom-loving people all over the world.

Eternal glory to Comrade Chou En-lai.

Enver Hoxha

First Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Albanian
Party of Labour

Haxhi Lleshi

President of the Presidium of the
People's Assembly of the People's
Republic of Albania

Mehmet Shehu

Chairman of the Council of Ministers of
the People's Republic of Albania

Tirana, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Comrade Kim Il Sung

Comrade Mao Tsetung,

Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China,

Peking

Upon hearing the sad news that Comrade Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the

Communist Party of China, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and a faithful comrade-in-arms of Comrade Mao Tsetung, passed away to our sorrow after a long illness, I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people and in my own name, express deep condolences to you and, through you, to the Central Committee of the C.P.C., the Government of the P.R.C., the fraternal Chinese people and the bereaved family.

Comrade Chou En-lai, a tested and outstanding leader of the Party and state of China, a distinguished proletarian revolutionary, a prominent figure of the international communist movement and working-class movement and a close comrade-in-arms of the Korean people, after embarking on the road of revolution at his young age, made a great contribution to the overthrow of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism and to the great victory of the people's revolution in China under the wise leadership of Comrade Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people.

Holding the important posts of Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the C.P.C., Premier of the State Council and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference for a long period after the founding of the People's Republic of China, Comrade Chou En-lai devoted all his wisdom and energies to converting once backward China into a modern socialist power, vigorously waging the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the movement to criticize Lin Biao and Confucius, frustrating the scheme of the revisionists to restore capitalism, strengthening the proletarian dictatorship in China and promoting the cause of the international communist movement.

The whole life of Comrade Chou En-lai and the whole course of his struggle constitute an example of boundless loyalty to his leader, Party and the cause of proletarian revolution.

Upholding the teachings of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Comrade Chou En-lai actively supported and encouraged us all the time, particularly at hard times, regarding the revolutionary struggle of our people as that of the Chinese people themselves, and made a distinguished contribution to the strengthening of the great militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Chinese peoples.

The immortal services rendered to Korea-China friendship by Comrade Chou En-lai as a close comrade-in-arms of the Korean people will live for ever in the hearts of the Korean people.

The death of Comrade Chou En-lai is a great loss not only to the Chinese people but also to the Korean people and the revolutionary people in the world.

Though Comrade Chou En-lai passed away, the lofty feats performed by him will shine for ever.

Kim Il Sung

General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Comrades Ton Duc Thang, Le Duan, Truong Chinh and Pham Van Dong

Comrade Mao Tsetung,

Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China,

Comrade Chu Teh;

Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

Comrade Teng Hsiao-ping;

Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

We are deeply grieved on learning that Comrade Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, has passed away.

Comrade Chou En-lai was an outstanding communist fighter, an eminent son of the Chinese people, one of the most outstanding leaders of the Chinese Party and state, and a great and close friend of the Vietnamese people. With the deepest sense of loss, on behalf of the Vietnamese people, the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party, the Standing Committee of the National Assembly and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, and in our own name, we wish to convey to you, and through you, to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and the State Council of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese people, and the bereaved family, our deepest condolences.

Ton Duc Thang

President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam

Le Duan

First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party

Truong Chinh

Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam

Pham Van Dong

Premier of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam

Hanoi, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Comrades Nicolae Ceausescu and Manea Manescu

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China,

The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

The State Council of the People's Republic of China, Peking

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party, the State Council and the Council of Ministers of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Romanian people, and in our own name, we convey to you and to the entire Chinese people our profound condolence on the heavy loss suffered in the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and a loyal son of the Chinese people.

An outstanding Party and state leader, a close comrade-in-arms of Chairman Mao Tsetung and a renowned fighter of the international communist movement, Comrade Chou En-lai devoted his whole life and energy to the struggle for the social and national liberation and the progress and happiness of the Chinese people, for the strengthening of the Chinese Communist Party and for the victory of the revolution and building of socialism in China.

Throughout his life, Comrade Chou En-lai had been a lofty example of selfless devotion and staunch struggle against exploitation and oppression, against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and for the promotion of relations of equality and mutual respect among peoples and for the triumph of the ideas of socialism and peace throughout the world.

In the offices of high responsibility he held for a long time in the Party and the state, Comrade Chou En-lai made contributions of the greatest significance to the development of the brotherly relations of friendship and co-operation between the Chinese Communist Party

and the Romanian Communist Party, between the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Romania. Comrade Chou En-lai was a great friend of the Romanian people working in all circumstances for stronger and more profound ties of friendship and cooperation between the Chinese people and the Romanian people.

In these difficult moments, we are with the Chinese people and express our conviction that the friendship and solidarity between our Parties and countries, for which Comrade Chou En-lai campaigned with such ardour, will be strengthened ever more to the benefit of our peoples and of the cause of peace and socialism.

The brilliant image of Comrade Chou En-lai as a revolutionary and a strong personality will always remain fresh in the memory of the Romanian Communists and the entire Romanian people.

Nicolae Ceausescu
General Secretary of the Romanian
Communist Party and President
of the Socialist Republic of
Romania

Manea Manescu
Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic
of Romania

Bucharest, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Shahanshah of Iran

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

Peking

I have learnt with deep regret the sad news of the passing of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, the distinguished Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

The late Premier will long be remembered for the prominent and dedicated role he played under Your Excellency's eminent leadership in the service of your great country. His outstanding qualities of statesmanship and patriotism have shone brilliantly through the history of contemporary China.

In wishing Your Excellency health and long life, I seize this opportunity to convey to you and the Chinese people as well as to the family of the late Premier my sincere sympathy and condolences for the great loss you have sustained.

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Teheran, January 9, 1976

January 16, 1976

Message of Condolence From Brigadier Murtala Ramat Muhammed, Head of The Federal Military Government Of Nigeria

Respected Chairman Mao Tsetung,
Great leader of the Chinese people,

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

Your Excellencies:

It is with the deepest regret and heartfelt sorrow that I have learnt about the death of Premier Chou En-lai of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, whose services to humanity and to the cause of human dignity are universally acknowledged.

Premier Chou En-lai's life and example of dedication to the unity, progress and, indeed, to the upliftment of his country and people have been a source of inspiration to all of us and will never fade. He made many friends for his country which he loved dearly. The Chinese people and the world have suffered a great loss in the death of Premier Chou En-lai.

On behalf of the Federal Military Government and the entire people of Nigeria, I convey our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Your Excellencies, the Chinese people and to the entire family of the highly respected deceased Premier.

Brigadier Murtala Ramat Muhammed
Head of the Federal Military
Government of Nigeria and
Commander-in-Chief of the
Nigerian Armed Forces

Message of Condolence From Salem Robaya Ali, Chairman of the Presidential Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

Comrade Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China

Deeply grieved to learn of the passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

In my own name and on behalf of the National Front, the Government and the people of the People's Demo-

eratic Republic of Yemen, I extend to you my profound condolences on this great misfortune.

Salem Robaya Ali

Chairman of the Presidential Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and Deputy Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the United Political Organization — National Front

Aden, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Burmese President Ne Win

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China,

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress

News that Premier Chou En-lai has passed away fills me and our people with grief and a deep sense of irreparable loss. Premier Chou En-lai was a statesman of towering stature whom the world learnt to respect. To our people, and to me specially, he was more, for he was a personal friend, who remained constant and true amidst the winds of change. We share the grief which Your Excellencies and the leaders of China who had marched with him over long and historic years, and the people of China to whose cause he devoted his entire life, must feel at this sad hour.

Ne Win

President of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma and Chairman of the Burma Socialist Programme Party

Message of Condolence From Burmese Prime Minister Sein Win

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai. He was not only a man of goodwill but also a statesman with great vision who has served the cause of peace and international understanding. On this sad occasion of the loss of an old friend of Burma, the Government and the people of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the Government and the people of the People's Republic of China and to the bereaved family.

Sein Win

Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma

Message of Condolence From Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre

His Excellency Comrade Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

We have learnt with great and profound shock the sad news of the passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. On behalf of the Supreme Revolutionary Council, Government and people of the Somali Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I wish to extend to Your Excellency and, through you, to the people of China our deep condolences and heartfelt sorrow on this great loss. Please convey our deep condolences also to the family and relatives of the late Comrade Chou En-lai.

Major-General Mohamed Siad Barre
President of the Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Somali Democratic Republic

January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Ibrahim Nasir of the Republic Of Maldives

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China

It was with a deep sense of shock that I heard of the sudden death of Premier Chou En-lai. The untimely death of this great statesman and remarkable leader of the People's Republic of China is an irreparable loss to the people of the People's Republic of China. On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Maldives and on my own behalf, I extend deepest condolences to Your Excellency, the Government and people of the People's Republic of China. Would you please extend our sympathies to the bereaved family members of Premier Chou En-lai.

Ibrahim Nasir

President of the Republic of Maldives

Message of Condolence From Panamanian Head of Government Torrijos

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China,
Peking

With the sentiments of the Panamanian people and the Revolutionary Government under my leadership, and in the name of Comrade President Engineer Demetrio B. Lakas, I wish to convey to the people and Government of the fraternal People's Republic of China our deep grief on the death of Chou En-lai, a great leader. His extraordinary revolutionary life in the service of peace and the development of China and the world will forever be a sincere motive to learn from and to remember.

With high consideration,

General Omar Torrijos Herrera
Head of Government of the Republic
of Panama

Panama, January 8, 1976

Message of Condolence From Chairman of the Executive Committee Of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat

Comrade Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China,
All Comrade Members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China:

On behalf of the Palestinian people, brothers in the Executive Committee of Palestine Liberation Organization, the Palestinian revolutionary fighters and in my own name, I extend to you the deepest condolences on the death of Comrade Chou En-lai, a highly militant leader of yours and a sincere friend of the Palestinian people.

Comrade Chou En-lai is an outstanding leader. He will go down in the history of the Chinese people and the history of world struggle for the contributions he had made to his nation and country and to the struggle for freedom in the whole world.

With extreme grief I extend to you once again my deep condolences.

(Signed) Your brother Yasser Arafat
Chairman of the Executive Committee
of the Palestine Liberation Organization
and Commander-in-Chief of the
Palestine Revolution Forces

January 9, 1976

January 16, 1976

Message of Condolence From Philippine President Marcos

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

It was with the most profound regret that the Filipino people learnt of the passing of Premier Chou En-lai.

I had the privilege of meeting him during my visit to China last June when he and I signed the historic document establishing diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the People's Republic of China. It is therefore with a deep sense of personal grief that I learnt of his passing.

He totally committed his considerable skills and energy in the service of the Chinese people. As an Asian people, we in the Philippines valued his unrelenting efforts on behalf of the interest of the developing nations.

The international community will mourn him as an exceptional human being whose qualities we shall all surely miss. For it can truly be said that China and the world will never be the same again after his passing away.

May I convey to Your Excellency and, through you, to the Chinese people and in particular to Madame Teng Ying-chao the heartfelt condolences of the Filipino people.

Ferdinand E. Marcos
President of the Philippines

Manila, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Canadian Governor-General Jules Léger

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China

Your Excellency:

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Premier of the State Council Chou En-lai. On this sorrowful occasion, I hope to express to you and to the Chinese Government and people the most sincere sympathy on behalf of the entire Canadian people. Please convey my condolences to Madame Teng Ying-chao, respected wife of the late Premier.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Jules Léger
Governor-General of Canada

**Message of Condolence From
Canadian Prime Minister
Trudeau**

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China

Your Excellency:

With deep feelings of sadness I learnt of the de-
cease of the Premier of the State Council, Mr. Chou
En-lai. The Government of Canada shares my sorrow.
On behalf of the Canadian Government and in my own
name, I express sincere condolences to you and to the
Chinese Government and people. Please convey to the
respected Madame Teng Ying-chao, wife of the late
Premier, the condolences of the Canadian Government
and of my wife and myself.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my
highest consideration.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

**Message of Condolence From
British Prime Minister
Wilson**

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China

Your Excellency:

I have learnt with deep regret of the death of
Premier Chou En-lai. I send the sincere condolences of
the British Government and should be grateful if you
would convey them to all the members of the State
Council of the People's Republic of China.

Premier Chou En-lai was widely respected as one
of the principal architects of modern China and as a
distinguished international statesman. I got to know him
personally at the Geneva conference in 1953 and we
met again during my visit to Peking in 1958. He will
be particularly remembered by the British people for
his contribution to the development of relations between
the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of China.
His loss will be keenly felt throughout the international
community. Please convey the deep sympathy both of
my wife and myself and of my colleagues in the British
Government to Madame Teng Ying-chao.

Harold Wilson
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Japanese Prime Minister
Takeo Miki**

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China

Deeply grieved to learn of the death of His Ex-
cellency Premier Chou En-lai. On behalf of the Japanese
Government and people, I express my condolences and
sincerely wish Premier Chou to rest in eternal peace.

Takeo Miki
Prime Minister of Japan

January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Speaker of House of Representatives
Of Japan Shigesaburo Maeo**

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Nation-
al People's Congress of the People's Republic of
China

I am extremely grieved and saddened on hearing
the obituary notice on the death of His Excellency Pre-
mier Chou En-lai of the State Council. On this occasion,
I wish to express my profound condolences and through
you convey my mourning to the bereaved family.

Shigesaburo Maeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Japan

January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
President of House of Councillors
Of Japan Kenzo Kono**

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Nation-
al People's Congress of the People's Republic of
China

I am extremely distressed on hearing the obituary
notice on the death of His Excellency Chou En-lai,
Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic
of China. On this occasion I wish to express my con-
dolences.

Kenzo Kono
President of House of Councillors
of Japan

January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Nepalese Prime Minister Giri

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On behalf of the Government and people of Nepal and on my own, I express my deepest sympathy and condolences to the Government and people of China on the sad demise of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. In the death of Premier Chou En-lai the world has lost a statesman of eminent stature.

He was a great patriot who devoted all his life to the service of his country with brilliant successes. He made valuable contribution to achieve international peace and understanding. We in Nepal recall with great appreciation his warm and friendliest feelings for this country and his role in strengthening the bonds of cordial relations between the two countries. In his death Nepal has lost a great friend and well-wisher. Please convey my heartfelt sympathy to Madame Chou En-lai.

Dr. Tulsī Giri
Prime Minister of Nepal
Kathmandu, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Thai Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

I was deeply distressed to learn of the demise of His Excellency Chou En-lai whose dedication to the work for world peace is universally acknowledged. We in Thailand are greatly impressed by his illustrious and prudent statesmanship. On behalf of His Majesty's Government, the Thai people as well as that of my own, I have the honour to express to Your Excellency and, through Your Excellency, to the Government, to the people of the People's Republic of China and to the bereaved family, our sincere condolences and deep sympathy on the grievous loss sustained by them.

Kukrit Pramoj
Prime Minister of Thailand
Bangkok, January 9, 1976

Statements by Japanese Party Leaders and Prominent Figures

Leaders of the Japanese political parties and prominent figures of various circles expressed deep condolences on the death of Premier Chou En-lai in statements on January 9.

Yasuhiro Nakasone, Secretary-General of the Liberal-Democratic Party, issued a statement of his Party on the morning of January 9 expressing deep condolences on the death of Premier Chou. The statement said: "Despite Premier Chou's death Japan remains determined to continue to develop friendly relations with China. It will work with more positive enthusiasm to conclude the Japan-China peace and friendship treaty at the quickest possible speed."

Recalling the scene in 1972 when he signed together with Premier Chou the Japan-China joint statement on restoring diplomatic relations between the two countries, former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka said: "I think that the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China is the greatest happy event for the peoples of Japan and China." "Premier Chou," he added, "was well-versed in Japan through the prewar, wartime and postwar eras, and understood her. The loss of such a great friend is a great loss to Japan and her people."

Finance Minister Masayoshi Ohira, who was attending the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund in Jamaica, issued a statement saying that he was deeply grieved over the death of Premier Chou En-lai because this great Chinese leader had a deep understanding of Japan. He was convinced that the friendly relations between Japan and China jointly and firmly built by Chairman Mao Tsetung and Premier Chou En-lai would be further consolidated, he stressed.

Tomomi Narita, Chairman of the Japan Socialist Party, said: "Premier Chou is a great leader of the socialist revolution of China." "He is an outstanding revolutionary politician in the history of world peace and social progress. His heroic deeds of historic significance will for ever be remembered not only by the Chinese people but also by the peace-loving revolutionary people throughout the world."

Yoshikatsu Takeiri, Chairman of the Komei Party said: We are deeply grieved at the death of Premier Chou who had performed heroic deeds at home and abroad. He was an outstanding politician of this century.

Both Tomomi Narita and Yoshikatsu Takeiri indicated that in mourning the death of Premier Chou, the Socialist Party and the Komei Party are determined to work for the conclusion of the Japan-China peace and friendship treaty at an early date.

Aiichiro Fujiyama, Chairman of the Dietmen's League for Japan-China Friendship, said that Premier

Chou was one of the few outstanding politicians in the world. His death is a loss both to China and Japan.

Kenzo Nakajima, Director-General of the Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association, expressed deep condolences on the death of Premier Chou En-lai.

Message of Condolence From South Vietnamese Leaders Nguyen Huu Tho and Huynh Tan Phat

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

We are deeply grieved to learn of the death of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

The death of His Excellency Chou En-lai is a great loss to the Chinese people. The Party and state of China lost an outstanding leader and a great fighter, and the south Vietnamese people lost an intimate comrade-in-arms.

On behalf of the south Vietnamese people, the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam and in our own name, we convey our sincere and deep condolences to you and, through you, to the C.P.C. Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and the State Council of the P.R.C., the Chinese people and the family of His Excellency Chou En-lai.

Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho
President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and President of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam

Huynh Tan Phat
President of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam

South Viet Nam, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Tanzanian President Nyerere

Chairman Mao Tsetung:

It was with a feeling of great national and personal loss that the people, the Party, and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania heard of the death of the great Chinese leader Premier Chou En-lai. We send our very sincere condolences to you personally, to the Chinese people and Communist Party.

Throughout his life Chou En-lai served the people of his country with selfless dedication, putting his great abilities at their disposal for use in whatever way they deemed appropriate. His contribution to the liberation and to the progress of the Chinese People's Republic would be difficult to over-estimate. And his memorial lies in the achievements of his colleagues and himself.

But Premier Chou En-lai was one of the great men of China who belonged to the whole world because of the part they have played in the advancement of human dignity and revolutionary international solidarity. His visit to Tanzania is remembered with affection and gratitude by our people. They recognized him as a great human being, a great friend of humanity, and an inspiring leader. Those of us who have met Premier Chou again on other occasions were also consistently impressed by his breadth and depth of understanding and his commitment to the cause of human freedom, justice, and international peace.

The people, the Party, and the Government of Tanzania express their solidarity with their brothers and sisters in China as the Chinese nation marks the passing of a great servant, colleague, and leader. At the same time we send our very sincere wishes for a long and still active life to you, Chairman Mao. You have lost an old comrade-in-arms and your most loyal supporter in the struggle to uphold and extend the principles of the Chinese people's revolution. Our fraternal sympathy is also extended to the wife and family of Premier Chou En-lai, as well as to all those other people who like myself mourn a friend as well as a comrade.

Julius K. Nyerere
President of the United Republic
of Tanzania
Dar-es-Salaam, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Zambian President Kaunda

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung:

I have learnt with a deep sense of shock and grief of the passing away of Comrade Chou En-lai. We in Zambia have followed with great admiration the immense work which the late Chou En-lai did not only for China but for oppressed mankind the world over. Thus as you mourn that great hero and freedom fighter, I want you

to know that the Party, Government and the entire people of Zambia are with you in this moment of grief. May I therefore, on behalf of the Party, Government and the people of Zambia and indeed on my own behalf, send you our heartfelt condolences and sympathies. May his soul rest in peace.

Dr. K.D. Kaunda
President of the Republic of Zambia
January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Ugandan President Amin

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China,
Peking

Your Excellency:

I have learnt with profound shock and deep sorrow of the untimely death of the late Chou En-lai, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China.

On behalf of the Government, that of the entire people of Uganda, and on my own behalf, I send to you personally and through you to the Government and the people of the People's Republic of China, particularly the bereaved family, our sincere condolences and sympathy at this time of great sorrow and loss.

The great contributions which the deceased has made towards the building and development of China in particular and towards the advancement of mankind truly speak for themselves. The People's Republic of China has lost a great and dedicated son and the world has been deprived of a statesman and a peace-maker.

May his soul rest in peace.

Field Marshal Idi Amin
President of the Republic of Uganda
and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity

Message of Condolence From Senegalese President Senghor

His Excellency Mr. Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China,
Peking

We learnt of the death of Chinese Premier Chou En-lai. Mr. Chou En-lai had fought together with you for 28 years for the triumph of justice and freedom. He was considered by the third world in general and Senegal in particular as an example of courage and loyalty to the ideals of national independence and peace. On the occasion of his death, the Senegalese people, the govern-

ment and myself extend to you our sorrowful condolences.

Highest consideration,

Leopold Sedar Senghor
President of the Republic of Senegal
Dakar, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Senegalese Premier Diouf

His Excellency Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China,
Peking

I have learnt with deep grief the death of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China. In the name of the Government and people of Senegal and in my own name, I address to you our heartfelt condolences and assure you that we share the distress afflicting the great and friendly Chinese people and that we cherish respectfully the memory of the illustrious deceased. In this moment of affliction, please convey to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy. Premier Chou En-lai, whose long tenure of office as head of government proved the Chinese people's confidence in him, devoted till his last breath all his physical and intellectual capacity to China's cause, and, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, successfully brought the country into the ranks of great powers, thus contributing to the change of the world pattern. We cherish his memory because he was more than a patriot, because he was a faithful friend of the third world peoples in that he had all along supported their struggles for freedom and justice, had all along provided them with effective assistance and had expressed to them the active solidarity of the People's Republic of China.

High consideration,

Abdou Diouf
Prime Minister of the Republic
of Senegal

Dakar, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Tunisian President Bourguiba

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,
Peking

I have learnt with deep grief of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai for whom we have cherished friendly sentiments and have had high esteem ever since he visited Tunisia in 1963. With his death China has lost one of her most devoted sons, and you have lost a comrade-in-arms with high prestige. The whole world

will cherish the memory of this great statesman who had done much for the happiness of the Chinese people, for the rapprochement between the peoples and for world peace. In this hour of grief, in my own name and on behalf of the Tunisian Government and people, I extend to you our deepest condolences.

Habib Bourguiba
President of the Republic of Tunisia
Tunis, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Tunisian Prime Minister Nouira

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China,
Peking

I have learnt of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai with profound emotion. With his death, China has lost a great national figure and statesman. I have the honour of knowing Premier Chou En-lai. I have appreciated his noble qualities and exceptional devotion to the service of the Chinese people and world peace. I express to you my sincerest condolences and profound sympathy.

Hedi Nouira
Prime Minister of the Republic of
Tunisia
Tunis, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Guinean President Toure

His Excellency Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,
Peking

I learnt with deep grief of the death of your comrade-in-arms His Excellency Chou En-lai. At this sorrowful moment, I, on behalf of the Guinean people, Party and state, and in my own name, extend my sincerest and deepest condolences to you, to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese Government and the entire Chinese people. The death of His Excellency Chou En-lai is a great loss not only to the friendly Chinese people but also to the progressive people of the whole world. Chou En-lai dedicated his whole life to the total liberation of the Chinese people, their social progress and economic development. The work he had accomplished will go down in the annals of the Chinese Communist Party for ever. At this sad moment, please convey our profound condolences and sympathy to the deeply grieving bereaved family of the illustrious deceased.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Ahmed Sekou Toure
General Secretary of the Guinea
Democratic Party and President of
the Republic of Guinea
Conakry, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Pakistan President Fazal Elahi Chaudhry

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National
People's Congress,
Peking

It is with the deepest sense of sorrow that we have learnt about the passing away of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai.

Premier Chou En-lai, under the leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung, made a great contribution to the Chinese revolution which transformed the lives of a quarter of mankind. He was an outstanding leader who dedicated himself to the promotion of peaceful coexistence and sovereign equality amongst nations. His passing away is a great loss not only to the people of China but also to the peoples of the world.

Premier Chou En-lai will always be remembered by the people of Pakistan as a trusted and sincere friend who consistently sided with them in their just causes. They share the grief of the Chinese people at the loss of a great and illustrious son of China.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Fazal Elahi Chaudhry
President of the Islamic Republic of
Pakistan
Rawalpindi, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Pakistan Prime Minister Bhutto

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,
Peking
Your Excellency:

On behalf of the people and the Government of Pakistan and on my own behalf I extend to Your Excellency our deepest sympathy and profound condolences on the passing away of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

His Excellency Chou En-lai will always be remembered for his outstanding contribution to the glorious triumph of China's revolutionary struggle and for the unsurpassed skill and devotion with which he assisted Chairman Mao Tsetung in guiding the destiny of the Chinese nation for almost half a century. Premier Chou En-lai was endowed with a formidable intellectual power which he devoted to the service of his great country. Undoubtedly this courageous leader will occupy an exalted place among the great men of China.

The Premier's name would be honoured in the annals of history for his persistent efforts to promote international peace. His unremitting efforts for the solidarity of the peoples of the third world will continue to inspire them in their great historical task of promoting a more just international political and economic order.

The people of Pakistan will cherish the memory of Chou En-lai as a true and sincere friend. His unswerving attachment to principles, his clear commitment to Pakistan in its hours of trial and tribulation, cannot be forgotten by our people. With the passing away of this towering leader, the people of Pakistan feel that a beacon of Asia has been extinguished. We join with the people of China in mourning the loss of this truly great man.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly extend our heartfelt sympathies to Chairman Mao Tsetung, Madame Teng Ying-chao and colleagues of the departed Premier.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic
of Pakistan

Rawalpindi, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Sri Lanka President William Gopallawa

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress of the People's Republic
of China

It is with profound sorrow that I learnt of the death of His Excellency Prime Minister Chou En-lai. I had the privilege of knowing him personally and I recall the great regard and friendship he had for Sri Lanka and its people and the many courtesies he extended to my wife and myself. His demise is a great loss to your country and the world.

Please accept our sincere condolence in your country's irreparable loss. I shall be grateful if you

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will convey to the family of the late Prime Minister our deepest sympathy.

William Gopallawa
President of Sri Lanka

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Message of Condolence From Sri Lanka Prime Minister Mrs. Bandaranaike

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress of the People's Republic
of China

It is with the deepest sorrow that the Government and the people of Sri Lanka and I myself received the news of the death of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai. May I convey to you and through you to the Government and people of China our heartfelt condolences. Please also convey to the family of the late Prime Minister our sincerest condolences on their grievous loss.

His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai was not only a beloved leader of the Chinese people but also a great international statesman held in the highest esteem throughout the world. He was a dedicated supporter of the hopes and aspirations of the developing world and his place in history as a resolute fighter for freedom and independence is assured. His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai occupies a special position in the hearts of the people of Sri Lanka because of his patently sincere and valuable contribution to the development of friendship between our two peoples. Sri Lanka mourns the loss of a dear friend.

Sirimavo R.D. Bandaranaike
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Message of Condolence From Egyptian President Sadat

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress of the People's Republic
of China,

Peking

I have been afflicted to hear the sad news of the passing away of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, whose death is a great loss in the world of politics. With his loss, China has lost a very brilliant, competent and diligent leader who occupied an eminent place among the contemporary ones. History will record his works as a prominent leader and as

a statesman of the first rate. We, together with the people throughout the world which aspire to freedom, will never forget his stands in support of the causes of peace and order, as well as his ceaseless efforts for peaceful coexistence. I am confident that the ties of friendship and co-operation established by the late leader between our two countries will grow from strength to strength to the benefit and for the mutual interest of our two friendly peoples, as well as for maintaining just peace. Please accept, in my own name and on behalf of the people of the Arab Republic of Egypt, our heartfelt condolences and deep sympathies to you and the family of the bereaved as well as to the friendly people of China.

Mohamed Anwar el-Sadat

Cairo, January 9, 1976

Messages of Condolences From French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

Peking

Mr. Chairman:

I have learnt with deep grief of the death of Mr. Chou En-lai. Passing together with him was one who, for over half a century, was your faithful companion in combat and who had been, by your side, an artisan full of ingenuity and knowledge for building a new China.

I bow before his memory and share your sorrow. France joins a great friendly country in mourning.

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing

Paris, January 9, 1976

His Excellency Mr. Chiu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

Shocked to learn of the death of the Premier of the People's Republic of China. The outstanding role played by Mr. Chou En-lai in the advent and progress of New China, underlined by the extreme brilliance and distinction of his intelligence, will remain in the memory of all. France, which retains the memory of the stay of the great deceased, will not forget the essential role he had played in the development of Franco-Chinese relations. Please convey my deep sympathy to Mr. Chou En-lai's relatives. At this sad moment, all

the French people join the Chinese people in mourning.

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing

Paris, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac

Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China

Shocked by the news of the death of the Premier, I beg you to accept my deep condolences for the great sorrow that afflicts the Chinese people.

Mr. Chou En-lai belongs hereafter to history, first of all to that of China because of the immense role he played in its renovation, but also to that of the world.

His death is particularly felt by the French of whom he was a friend.

I shall be grateful to you for kindly conveying my deep sympathy to the family of Mr. Chou En-lai.

Jacques Chirac

French Prime Minister

Message of Condolence From French National Assembly President Edgar Faure

Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

In the name of the French National Assembly, I express to you my most profound condolences on the death of the eminent statesman who, as Head of Government of the People's Republic of China, had exercised a beneficial act for your country and in international life and who was attached to the friendship between our peoples. In my own name, I express the grief that I suffer in remembrance of my meetings with Premier Chou En-lai, notably when I had the occasion of working out with him in the name of General de Gaulle the protocol of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations. My wife and I extend to his family and his near relations our deep grief and our partaking of their sorrow.

Edgar Faure

President of the French National
Assembly

Paris, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Turkish President
Fahri Koruturk**

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

I have learnt with great grief the passing away of the distinguished son of your country His Excellency Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

He will be remembered in history as a great statesman who rendered valuable services to his country during his long career and made significant contributions to world peace.

I would like to express sorrow on behalf of the Turkish people and on my own behalf and that we all the Turkish people share the sense of the People's Republic of China at the death of their great statesman.

Fahri Koruturk
President of the Republic of Turkey

**Messages of Condolences From
Turkish Prime Minister Demirel**

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

Peking

It is with great sorrow that I have learnt the passing away of His Excellency Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

I am sure that this great man who served his country for long years with extraordinary courage and determination will be revered by all and his most distinguished services will be his enduring memorial.

On this very sad occasion I wish to express to Your Excellency my sincere condolences and my profound sympathy.

Suleyman Demirel
Prime Minister of Turkey

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

I am most distressed to hear of the passing away of the great statesman of your country, His Excellency

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Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China.

On behalf of the Turkish Government and on my own behalf, I would like to express to Your Excellency and the Government of the People's Republic of China our condolences and deepest sympathy.

Suleyman Demirel
Prime Minister of Turkey

**Message of Condolence From
Chadian Head of State Malloum**

His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Communist Party of China,
Peking

I was shocked to learn of the passing away of Mr. Premier Chou En-lai after a long illness. The great Chinese people have lost in him your dearest comrade-in-arms in the revolutionary struggle and a great creator of the cause of national unity to which he devoted all his life. On behalf of the Chadian people, the Supreme Military Council and the Provisional Government and in my own name, I convey to you and the family of the deceased our saddest condolences.

General Felix Malloum
President of the Supreme Military
Council and Head of State of Chad
NDjamena, January 9, 1976

**Message of Condolence From
Upper Volta President Lamizana**

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China,
Peking

Shocked to learn of the death of Premier Chou En-lai, your valiant comrade-in-arms. As an eminent statesman, Chou En-lai devoted his whole life to the greatness of China and the cause of universal peace. The entire world shares the sorrow of the Chinese people. At this sad moment, I extend to you, the Government of the People's Republic of China and the family of the illustrious deceased my deepest condolences and sincere sympathy. The example of courage and selflessness of Premier Chou En-lai will live in our memory for generations to come.

Highest consideration,
Lieutenant-General Elhadj. Aboubakar
Sangoule Lamizana
President of the Republic
of Upper Volta
Ouagadougou, January 9, 1976

Messages of Condolences From F.R.G. Chancellor Schmidt

Mr. Mao Tsetung,
Chairman of the Central Committee of the
Communist Party of China,

Peking

The news of the death of your friend, Premier Chou En-lai, fills me with deep sorrow.

His great merits had, during his lifetime, put him in an eminent place in the history of the People's Republic of China.

Allow me to express my sincere sympathy to you, Mr. Chairman, and the Chinese people.

Helmut Schmidt
Chancellor of the Federal Republic
of Germany

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Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

I extend to you, Mr. Vice-Premier, to the State Council and the Chinese people, deep condolences on the huge loss suffered by your country in the death of Premier Chou En-lai. I beg you to convey my sincere sympathy to Teng Ying-chao, wife of the deceased.

The great merit of the deceased and his connection with the German culture will be remembered for ever. He will always be remembered in the fostering of friendship between the German and Chinese peoples.

Helmut Schmidt
Chancellor of the Federal Republic
of Germany

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Message of Condolence From Austrian President Kirchschaeger

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On the occasion of the death of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, please accept the sincere sympathies of the Austrian people and of myself with the People's Republic of China and the Chinese people for the particularly heavy loss they have suffered from the death of this

great state leader. While expressing the sympathies of the Republic of Austria, I also recall my conversation with Premier Chou En-lai in Peking in 1974, which was most precious to me.

Rudolf Kirchschaeger
President of the Republic of Austria

Vienna, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Hellenic President Tsatsos

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

On behalf of the Hellenic people and myself may I ask Your Excellency to accept the expression of my deepest sympathy for the loss of the statesman and noble servant of the People's Republic of China Chou En-lai.

Constantine Tsatsos
President of the Hellenic Republic

Athens, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Hellenic Prime Minister Karamanlis

Chairman Mao Tsetung,

Peking,

China

Very much agitated by the death of Premier Chou En-lai. I beg you kindly to accept my sincere condolences for the great sorrow which has just afflicted the people of the People's Republic of China.

Constantine Karamanlis
Prime Minister

Athens, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Jamaican Prime Minister Manley

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China

Mr. Chairman:

It is with the deepest regret that I have learnt of the passing of Mr. Chou En-lai, lately Prime Minister in your Government.

The Government and people of Jamaica join me in expressing their condolence to you, the Government and people of China on this sad occasion.

The fidelity of Mr. Chou En-lai to your cause and to the progress of China as well as to the development of international relations will form a landmark in history. The world is poorer for his passing.

Please accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurances of the highest consideration.

Michael Manley
Prime Minister of Jamaica
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Messages of Condolences From U.S. President Ford

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China,
Peking

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Government and people of the United States, I wish to convey to you, and to the people of the People's Republic of China, my personal condolences on the death of Premier Chou En-lai.

Premier Chou's deep understanding of world affairs and his qualities of statesmanship and foresight made an important contribution to the new relationship which is growing between our two countries on the principles of the Shanghai communique.

During our recent meeting, I reaffirmed my determination to complete the normalization of relations between our two countries. Americans will always remember Premier Chou for his major role in this historic process.

Sincerely,
Gerald R. Ford
January 9, 1976

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress,

The People's Republic of China,
Peking

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have just learned of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai. Let me express my personal condolences, and those of our Government and the American people, to you and to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China.

I had the privilege of meeting with the Premier when I visited China in 1972. He left a lasting impres-

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sion on me for his remarkable grasp of world issues of concern to our two countries. His sound judgment and understanding of world affairs enabled him to make a major contribution to the history of his country.

Premier Chou played a primary role in building the new relationship between the People's Republic of China and the United States which is envisaged in the Shanghai communique. I am confident that our two countries will continue to strengthen the ties of understanding and co-operation which he did so much to forge. Consolidation of a constructive relationship between our two countries would be an enduring tribute to the Premier's efforts, and of lasting benefit to the people of China and the United States.

Sincerely,
Gerald R. Ford
January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Liberian President Tolbert

His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung,
The People's Republic of China,
Peking

Mr. Chairman, I have just learnt of the sad demise of Premier Chou En-lai, one of the world's ablest statesmen whose outstanding contributions in the search for world peace and international understanding and co-operation in modern history will doubtless remain a lasting monument to universal peace. On behalf of the Government and people of Liberia and in my own name I extend to you and through you to the Party, Government and people of China as well as to the bereaved family our profound condolences for this irreparable loss which the great Chinese nation has sustained.

With sentiments of highest consideration and esteem,

W. R. Tolbert
January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Yugoslav President Tito

Chairman Chu Teh of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

On the death of the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Chou En-lai, I extend on behalf of the peoples of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and in my own name, the expression of the deepest sympathies to the friendly peo-

ple of China, the National People's Congress and to you personally. Chou En-lai, revolutionary and eminent statesman, dedicated his whole life to the struggle of the Chinese people for freedom, independence, progress and the creation of the present-day China. His work represents a significant contribution to progress in the world and the friendship between peoples. The death of Premier Chou En-lai is a great loss for the People's Republic of China and mankind.

Josip Broz Tito

Belgrade, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Bijedic of Yugoslav Federal Executive Council

Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping of the State Council of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

Upon the passing away of Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, I, on behalf of the Federal Executive Council of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and in my own name, wish to express to the State Council of the People's Republic of China and to you my most profound condolences.

The memories of the successful visit to the People's Republic of China not long ago and of Premier Chou En-lai's personal contribution to the promotion of the all-round friendly co-operation between the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will live in our minds. It is our conviction that the friendship and co-operation between the peoples of our two countries will also be further strengthened in the interest of world peace and progress.

Dzermal Bijedic

Message of Condolence From Cameroonian President Ahidjo

Chairman Chu Teh of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China

I am shocked to learn about the death of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China. Mr. Chou En-lai is a great statesman whose essential trait is an unshakable faith in the future of the Chinese people. The life of Mr. Chou En-lai is a model of loyalty, courage and clear-sightedness.

With regard to Cameroon, Mr. Chou En-lai has made active contributions to the development and consolidation of friendly and co-operative relations which

exist between our two countries in a spirit of mutual confidence and active solidarity.

Under such sorrowful circumstances, I express to you Mr. Chairman, the Chinese people and the bereaved family my deepest condolences.

Please accept the assurances of the highest consideration.

Ahidjo

President of Cameroon

January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Mauritian Governor-General Osman

His Excellency the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China,

Peking

It is with the greatest regret that we have learnt of the death of that world-famous statesman your Prime Minister Mr. Chou En-lai whose name will long be remembered as one of the chief architects of modern China. On behalf of the Government and people of Mauritius and on my own behalf I send our deepest sympathy to you, the Government and people of the People's Republic of China.

Raman Osman

Governor-General

Port Louis, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Malaysian Prime Minister Razak

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China

It is with deep sorrow that I learnt of the demise of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. It was a privilege to have met him in Peking in May 1974 to formalize the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. He himself had indicated to me during our first meeting his failing health and that he had delayed going into the hospital until after my visit to China. I was much impressed by his desire of improvement of relations between China and Malaysia. He as a very distinguished founder of the People's Republic of China, a great architect of New China and a world statesman will be long remembered by all of us.

In this moment of bereavement, I wish to express to Your Excellency my deepest condolence and sympathies.

Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Hussein
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Malaysian Acting Prime Minister Onn

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the State Council of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

It is with deep sorrow that I learnt of the demise of His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. His Excellency Mr. Chou En-lai was a distinguished statesman who had contributed much to the development of relations between the People's Republic of China and Malaysia and the people and the Government of Malaysia will remember the role he played as a host to our Prime Minister, His Excellency Tun Abdul Razak bin Hussein in the middle of 1974. His demise is a great loss to all of us. In this sad moment I wish to convey on behalf of the Government and people of Malaysia our condolence and deepest sympathies to Madame Teng Ying-chao, the Government and people of the People's Republic of China.

Datuk Hussein bin Onn
Acting Prime Minister of Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Gambian Acting President Camara

His Excellency Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress,

Peking

I have heard with profound regret of the sad death of Premier Chou En-lai. I am greatly shocked and deeply saddened by this tragic loss and in the absence of His Excellency the President Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara and on his behalf as well as on my own behalf and that of the Government and people of the Gambia, I hasten to offer heartfelt condolences to Your Excellency and the Government and people of the People's Republic of China. China in particular and the world as a whole have lost a great and dynamic leader and I wish to assure Your Excellency that the Gambia deeply feels this great loss.

Hassan Musa Camara
Acting President

Banjul, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Danish Queen Margrethe

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the 4th National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

At the sad demise of His Excellency Prime Minister Chou En-lai, I wish to express to you my sincere sympathy on the grievous loss suffered by the People's Republic of China.

Margrethe R.

Copenhagen, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Danish Prime Minister Joergensen

His Excellency Mr. Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping,
Peking

At the sad message of the death of His Excellency Prime Minister Chou En-lai, I ask you on behalf of the Danish Government to accept our sincere sympathies on the great loss suffered by the People's Republic of China. Prime Minister Chou En-lai's unique contribution to the history of China will always be remembered.

Anker Joergensen

Prime Minister of Denmark

Copenhagen, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From New Zealand Prime Minister Muldoon

Chairman Chu Teh of the Standing Committee
of the National People's Congress

It is with great regret that I have learnt of the death of Premier Chou En-lai. On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand I should like to express my deep sympathy to you and to all the Chinese people.

The death of Premier Chou En-lai removes a statesman of international stature from the world scene, and marks the loss of one of China's most outstanding leaders. New Zealanders here know of Premier Chou as a man of great dignity and vision. We have long acknowledged his expertise in matters of foreign policy and his abilities as an administrator. His service to his country and people will be long remembered.

Robert Muldoon

Prime Minister of New Zealand

January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From President Gnaegi of Swiss Confederation

His Excellency Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping,
Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China,
Peking

I have learnt with deep grief the death of Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China. In the name of the Federal Council, I assure Your Excellency of all the sympathy of the Swiss Government for the great loss suffered by the People's Republic of China and extend our sincere condolences.

Rudolf Gnaegi
President of the Swiss Confederation
Berne, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Swedish Prime Minister Palme and Foreign Minister Andersson

Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress of the
People's Republic of China,

Peking

Profoundly moved by the news of the passing away of Premier Chou En-lai, we wish to convey to you, to your Government and to the people of China the sincere condolences of the Swedish Government.

Chou En-lai was a great statesman whose contributions to the building of modern China constitute a historical feat.

Olof Palme
Prime Minister of Sweden
Sven Andersson
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
Stockholm, January 9, 1976

Message of Condolence From Norwegian Prime Minister Bratteli

His Excellency Mr. Chu Teh,
Chairman of the Standing Committee of the
National People's Congress,

Peking

On behalf of the Norwegian people and Government, I extend sincerest condolences on the occasion of the passing away of your great statesman Premier Chou En-lai.

Trygve Bratteli
Prime Minister of Norway
Oslo, January 9, 1976

Statement by Former U.S. President Nixon

Former U.S. President Nixon on the afternoon of January 8 (California time) issued the following statement on the death of Premier Chou En-lai:

I am profoundly saddened by the death of Premier Chou En-lai. Only a handful of men in the 20th century will ever match Premier Chou's impact in the history of the world. Of the more than hundred heads of government that I have had the privilege to meet in the past 25 years, there is none who surpassed him in the keen intellect, philosophical breadth and the experienced wisdom which made him a great leader.

It is largely because of Premier Chou and Chairman Mao's vision and sense of history that the People's Republic of China and the United States of America were able to come together in the winter of 1972 to end a generation of confrontation and begin a period of negotiation and reconciliation between our two nations.

During my visit to the People's Republic of China, Premier Chou said in a toast, "The strength of the people is powerful and that whatever the zigzags or reverses there will be in the development of history, the general trend of the world is definitely toward light and not darkness."

Chou En-lai's legacy will be that he helped end the darkness.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending to Madame Chou En-lai and the Chinese people our deepest respect and sympathy for the fallen leader who has passed from them.

Statement by Former Australian Prime Minister Whitlam

Former Australian Prime Minister and leader of the Labour Party E.G. Whitlam issued a statement on January 9 on the death of Premier Chou En-lai.

The statement said that the death of Premier Chou En-lai removed a giant of modern world history. "With Mao Tsetung himself he embodied and expressed the aspirations of the Chinese people for national unity and international dignity," it declared.

It continued: "In my two visits to his country, the second as Prime Minister, during which I spent 20 hours in discussion with him, I was profoundly impressed by his charm, his humanity, his vigour and his vision. It was a vision which encompassed the world, a world where China would neither dominate nor be dominated."

The statement pointed out that through Premier Chou "the world now better understands China and the Chinese people."