

Memorial Meetings Held in Many Countries To Mourn Chinese People's Great Leader Chairman Mao

Albania

THE Central Committee of the Albanian Party of Labour, the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the Council of Ministers of Albania and the Tirana District Party Committee jointly held a grand meeting at the Palace of Culture in Tirana on September 17 to solemnly mourn the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The meeting was attended by Albanian Party and state leaders Mehmet Shehu, Adil Carcani, Hekuran Isai, Hysni Kapo, Kadri Hazbiu, Manush Myftiu, Pali Miska, Ramiz Alia, Rita Marko, Spiro Koleka, Llambi Gegprifti, Pilo Peristeri, Qirjako Mihali, Xhafer Spahiu and Petro Dode as well as Member of the Party Central Committee Nexhmije Hoxha; Minister of Foreign Affairs Nesti Nase; and Members of the Party Central Committee, the Presidium of the People's Assembly and the Council of Ministers.

It was also attended by over 1,000 representatives of various circles in Tirana.

Han Po, Charge d'Affaires ad interim, and other diplomats of the Chinese Embassy, Chinese personnel in other fields and representatives of Chinese students in Tirana also were at the meeting.

Presiding over the meeting, Mehmet Shehu, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Albanian Party of Labour and Chairman of the Council of Ministers, said with grief: "The Central Committee of the Party, the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the Council of Ministers and the Tirana District Party Committee call this meeting today to honour the memory of Comrade Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people, and the most esteemed friend of our people and our Party."

Comrade Shehu said: "The passing of Comrade Mao Tsetung has evoked infinite sorrow in the hearts of the great Chinese people and the fraternal Chinese Communists as well as the Albanian people and Albanian Communists and all progressive people and revolutionaries in the world, because Comrade Mao Tsetung was a great Marxist-Leninist and the successor to the genial work of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin."

"Comrade Mao Tsetung made great efforts to strengthen the bond of friendship between the Albanian and Chinese peoples, between the Albanian Party of Labour and the Communist Party of China and between the Albanian People's Republic and the People's Republic of China. This friendship is built on the steel-

like basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and is everlasting. Today, we share the deep grief of the fraternal Chinese Communists and the Chinese people over the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung and wish to assure them that the Albanian people and Albanian Communists will be with them unflinchingly, both in times of adversity and in moments of felicity, as Comrade Mao Tsetung expected of us, as Comrade Hoxha has taught us and as is demanded by the interests of our two peoples and two Parties and the interests of socialism and revolution.

"Comrade Mao Tsetung will be remembered in our hearts!"

Comrade Shehu then asked all present to stand in silent tribute to the memory of Comrade Mao Tsetung for three minutes.

In a memorial speech at the meeting, Hysni Kapo, Member of the Political Bureau, and Secretary, of the Party Central Committee, said: "The immense loss caused by the passing of Comrade Mao Tsetung has brought indescribable grief to the Chinese Communists and the fraternal Chinese people. It has also plunged the Albanian Communists and the entire Albanian people into indescribable grief. With reverence and deep grief, they cherish the memory of Chairman Mao Tsetung and his illustrious accomplishments. Chairman Mao Tsetung and his illustrious accomplishments will remain immortal."

He pointed out: "Comrade Mao Tsetung unflinchingly dedicated his whole revolutionary life and all his energies and wisdom to the Chinese people's cause of liberation and progress, to the cause of revolution and socialism in China, to the cause of the international proletariat and freedom-loving peoples and to the cause of communism."

Dwelling at length on the main activities of Chairman Mao Tsetung in various periods of the Chinese revolution, Comrade Kapo praised Chairman Mao Tsetung for his historic exploits in applying and developing Marxism-Leninism in accordance with the concrete conditions in China and leading the Chinese revolution in continuously marching toward victory. "For half a century and more, Comrade Mao Tsetung firmly led the Communist Party of China in various stages of the Chinese revolution and socialist construction, charted the road to victory for the Party and trained and tempered it into a new-type revolutionary Party in the uncompromising class struggle against all anti-Marxist ideological trends and the 'Left' and Right opportunist trends from Chen Tu-hsiu, Li Li-san, Wang

Ming and Chang Kuo-tao to Liu Shao-chi, Lin Piao and Teng Hsiao-ping," he said.

He added: "Comrade Mao Tsetung was the direct inspirer and leader of China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which has overthrown capitalist-roaders, upheld and consolidated the dictatorship of the proletariat, mobilized hundreds of millions of labouring people to plunge into a vigorous revolutionary movement and served them as a great school of lively class education. The victory of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution is a victory of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, a victory of revolution over counter-revolution, a victory of socialism over capitalism and a victory of the revolutionary line represented by Comrade Mao Tsetung over the bourgeois revisionist line represented by Liu Shao-chi and his partners."

Comrade Kapo pointed out that Comrade Mao Tsetung led the struggle to smash the attempt by Lin Piao and Teng Hsiao-ping and company to restore capitalism.

Comrade Kapo said that the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution has demonstrated the might of Mao Tsetung Thought. Warmly responding to the call of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the broad masses of the Chinese people have smashed the futile attempts of traitors and renegades to restore capitalism and push revisionism and constantly promoted the development of revolution. In the fierce class struggle, the broad masses of the Chinese working people have united still more closely along the revolutionary line of the Communist Party and Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Comrade Kapo noted: "Chairman Mao Tsetung was not only the beloved and great leader of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people but also an eminent Marxist-Leninist thinker and theoretician and the successor to the ideas and genial work of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. The Marxist-Leninist ideas of Comrade Mao Tsetung on continuously carrying out class struggle in socialist society, on the struggle between the socialist and capitalist roads, and on continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat are an immensely valuable and creative contribution to the theory of scientific socialism."

"Comrade Mao Tsetung was a great fighter against modern revisionism headed by the Soviet revisionists," Comrade Kapo pointed out. "He performed extraordinary exploits in exposing revisionism and defending Marxism-Leninism. When revisionism emerged in the Soviet Union, Comrade Mao Tsetung initiated a struggle by the Communist Party of China against this great danger to the international communist and workers' movements and exposed the anti-Marxist viewpoints and action of the Khrushchov leading clique in the Soviet Union."

"Life has proved the correctness of this Marxist-Leninist stand," Comrade Kapo declared.

He said: "The name of Comrade Mao Tsetung is dearly loved and highly esteemed by the people of all

countries and the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary Communists of the world. His works on anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist struggles contain theses of tremendous value, both in theory and in practice, to the struggle against imperialism, especially against the two superpowers and their policies of aggression and war, and to the people of various countries engaged in movements for their own liberation."

"Comrade Mao Tsetung and Comrade Enver Hoxha are the inspirers and forgers of the great, fraternal and revolutionary friendship and close Marxist-Leninist unity between our two Parties, two peoples and two countries. This friendship and internationalist unity are unbreakable and have stood all tests," he added.

Comrade Kapo declared: "In this moment of extremely deep and utmost grief for the fraternal Communist Party of China and the Chinese people who lost their great and esteemed leader Comrade Mao Tsetung, the Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian people side wholeheartedly with them and wish to extend to them our sincerest feelings of communist solidarity.

"Our Party and our people are fully confident that the fraternal Communist Party of China and the Chinese people, inspired by Comrade Mao Tsetung's teachings and taking his struggle and noble revolutionary qualities as an example, will surely turn grief into strength, fight with redoubled efforts to firmly continue and carry forward his brilliant revolutionary work and further consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, and win new and more magnificent victories in building socialism in the People's Republic of China and thoroughly smash whatever schemes imperialism and revisionism hatch to oppose the Chinese people and disrupt Chairman Mao Tsetung's proletarian revolutionary line.

"It is the firm conviction of the Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian people that the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people will certainly follow the road charted by Chairman Mao Tsetung and win fresh victories in the struggle against international imperialism, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism in particular, and against modern revisionism, and will undoubtedly further enhance the reputation and prestige of the People's Republic of China in the world."

Comrade Kapo said in conclusion: The Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian people are likewise convinced and assure that the internationalist friendship between Albania and China, which is of benefit to our two peoples, to the cause of revolution and socialism and to the struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism and the reactionaries, will be steadily strengthened and tempered without fail. Eternal glory to Comrade Mao Tsetung!

From September 10 to 18, over 3,600 representatives of all circles in Tirana came to the Chinese Embassy to offer condolences on the passing of Chairman

Mao Tsetung. Meanwhile, more than 1,500 messages and letters of condolence from all parts of Albania were sent to the Chinese Embassy. Various kinds of mourning ceremonies also were held in 23 districts during the mourning period.

Romania

A SOLEMN memorial meeting to mourn Chairman Mao Tsetung took place in Bucharest on September 17.

It was attended by Emil Bobu, Member of the Executive Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania, Secretary of the C.P.R. Central Committee and Vice-President of the State Council; Paul Niculescu, Member of the Executive Political Committee of the C.P.R. Central Committee and Deputy Prime Minister; Gheorghe Pana, Member of the Executive Political Committee of the C.P.R. Central Committee and Chairman of the Central Council of the General Trade Union Confederation; Gheorghe Radulescu, Member of the Executive Political Committee of the C.P.R. Central Committee and Deputy Prime Minister; Ion Dinca, Alternate Member of the Executive Political Committee of the C.P.R. Central Committee, First Secretary of the Bucharest City Committee of the C.P.R. and Mayor of Bucharest City; and Aurel Duma, Secretary of the C.P.R. Central Committee; as well as representatives of central organs and popular organizations and workers, generals and officers of the armed forces, scientists, writers and artists.

Chinese Ambassador Li Ting-chuan and other Chinese embassy officials were present.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Ion Dinca. At the beginning of the meeting, all present rose to pay silent tribute to the memory of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Then Comrade Gheorghe Radulescu delivered the memorial speech.

He said that the Romanian people were paying their respects to the memory of Comrade Mao Tsetung, founder and leader of the Communist Party of China and the People's Republic of China and a brilliant fighter for the international communist movement and workers' movement. "In this moment of shock and grief, our Communists and the entire working people share the sorrow of the Chinese people. Mao Tsetung will live for ever in the hearts of the Chinese people as one of the most glowing figures in the thousands of years of Chinese history and as the father of modern China. The news of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung has produced a powerful effect on the world. All have emphatically pointed to his outstanding qualities and the magnitude of the revolutionary cause he led."

Comrade Radulescu went on to say: "Our people are joining the Chinese people in mourning the death

and cherishing the memory of a great and faithful friend of socialist Romania, who set special store by the cause of friendship and co-operation between our two Parties, two countries and two peoples. The message of condolence sent by Comrade Ceausescu gave expression to the very deep feelings of grief of the Romanian people over the passing of Comrade Mao Tsetung. It stated the conviction that the friendship, co-operation and solidarity between our two Parties and two countries will grow stronger and develop steadily."

The life and work of Comrade Mao Tsetung is the life and work of a communist revolutionary fighter, he said. His whole life and revolutionary activities were interwoven with the course of the glorious battle of the Communist Party of China against imperialism and reactionary forces, he added.

After giving an account of Chairman Mao Tsetung's brilliant course of revolution and his historical exploits, Comrade Radulescu declared: "The victory of the Chinese revolution and the birth of People's China marked a turning point in the thousands of years of history of the Chinese people and opened up before them the vistas of new life, the vistas of dignity and progress. Meanwhile, the founding of the People's Republic of China is an event of historic significance which has exerted a strong influence on the people of various nations in their fight for freedom and national independence and for a better life. Today, the fact that the 800 million Chinese people have taken the road of socialism is profoundly influencing the balance of forces in the world and the whole process of the socio-political development of the present era.

"The name and activities of Comrade Mao Tsetung are not only interlocked with the founding of the Party and the victory of the war of national liberation, but also with the tremendous achievements in the cause of building a New China."

He continued: "The 27 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China have unfolded before the world a picture of vigorous development in a socialist state. The successes scored hitherto have laid a firm foundation for the realization of the objective laid down by the Party and state. All these great victories of the Chinese people are inseparable from leadership by the Communist Party of China."

"With his theoretical works, Comrade Mao Tsetung became one of the great contemporary thinkers in the science of socio-political revolution," he pointed out.

He said: "Seeing that people are a social force in the making of history, Comrade Mao Tsetung invariably emphasized the great role of unity and constantly called on the people to get united in their struggle and work for the victory of the revolution and the building of a new system."

He added: "As is well known, People's China plays an important role in the international arena. In the

present era, she is a strong force in the struggle to combat imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and to uphold peace by advocating that the peoples should fight for the sacred right to shape their own destiny, choose their own road and make use of national resources for their own development."

"The Romanian people have lost such a great and faithful friend as Comrade Mao Tsetung, a staunch champion working for the development of the friendly relations and co-operation between the Romanian Communist Party and the Communist Party of China, between our two countries and between our two peoples," he said with grief.

Referring to Romanian-Chinese friendship and co-operation, he said: "These relations are always based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, equal rights, independence, non-intervention in each other's internal affairs and mutual respect."

He emphasized: "The meeting and talks held between Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and Comrade Mao Tsetung were important and decisive contributions to the establishment of a firm foundation for these mutual relations and to their all-round development and expansion."

He stated: "Deepest within their hearts, the Romanian people share the immense grief of the Chinese people caused by the passing of their beloved and respected leader Comrade Mao Tsetung. The Romanian Communists are convinced that the friendship and co-operation between Romania and China will grow steadily."

He noted: "Comrade Mao Tsetung has passed away but he left behind a firm and strong Party which strikes roots in the national reality, keeps close ties with the masses and boasts many revolutionary cadres tempered in war. In response to the call of the Party to turn grief into strength, the working people in China are determined to carry out the behests of their leader and build socialism and communism. Each of them is working with redoubled efforts at his post to win fresh success. The Romanian people wholeheartedly wish the Chinese working people still greater achievements."

He concluded by saying: "The heart of Chairman Mao Tsetung has ceased beating. But just as Marxism-Leninism and the great cause of socialism and communism are always vigorous, immortal and invincible, he will live in our hearts for ever."

From Bucharest to other parts of Romania, government offices, mass organizations, factories and mines, agricultural producers' co-operatives, scientific research units and schools also mourned the passing of Chairman Mao by holding memorial meetings or sending messages of condolence to the Chinese Embassy. From September 11 to 18, over 8,000 people came to the

Chinese Embassy to offer their condolences on Chairman Mao Tsetung's death.

Democratic Kampuchea

A BIG memorial meeting attended by around 1,000 civilians and armymen took place in Phnom Penh on September 18 to deeply mourn the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Phnom Penh workers, agricultural co-operative members, men and women fighters in the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army and cadres in state organs came in neat formations to the meeting place with extreme grief to express the Kampuchean people's boundless love and admiration for Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Attending the meeting were President of the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea Khieu Samphan, Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the People's Congress of Kampuchea Nuon Chea, Prime Minister of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea Polpot, Deputy Prime Ministers Von Vet and Son Sen, Minister of Information and Propaganda Hu Nim, Minister of Health Thiounn Thioeunn, Minister of Social Affairs Ieng Thirith, Minister of Public Works Toch Phoeun and Minister of Culture and Education Yun Yat, as well as leading members of other government departments and the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army.

Chinese Ambassador to Democratic Kampuchea Sun Hao and other Chinese personnel were also present.

At 9:30, Minister of Information and Propaganda Hu Nim declared the meeting open. All the participants stood in silent tribute to the sound of funeral music.

Prime Minister Polpot delivered the memorial speech.

He said: "With most profound sorrow and a cherished memory, we are gathering here for a mass rally to express our revolutionary feelings of immense esteem and respect for the lofty soul of His Excellency, Chairman Mao Tsetung, the respected and beloved great leader of the Chinese people — our brotherly comrades-in-arms — an outstanding teacher of the international proletariat and the world's oppressed nations and oppressed people, and a close and enthusiastic comrade-in-arms of the Kampuchean people."

"The life of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung," the Prime Minister added, "was a life of profound significance in fierce revolutionary struggle, a life devoted to the liberation cause of the Chinese people, to the revolutionary cause of the oppressed nations and oppressed people, to the cause of the international proletariat and to the struggle for the cause of socialism and communism in China and the world."

Prime Minister Polpot gave a detailed account of the glorious revolutionary life of Chairman Mao Tsetung and the great achievements in revolution and socialist

construction scored by the Chinese people under the wise leadership of Chairman Mao. He said: "These great victories were the outcome of the implementation by the Chinese Communist Party of the proletarian revolutionary line under the firm leadership of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung."

He said: "The Chinese revolution under the wise and correct leadership of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung produced rich experience which has set the best and most valuable example for the contemporary world revolutionary movement after Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung summed up the experience to make it classical literature of Marxism-Leninism, namely, Mao Tsetung Thought, which is most valuable for the Chinese and world revolution of our time and in the future. His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung's works, *Analysis of the Classes in Chinese Society*, *Problems of Strategy in China's Revolutionary War*, *On Protracted War*, *On Contradiction*, *On Practice*, *On New Democracy*, *On the People's Democratic Dictatorship* and *On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People* and his theses on the building of rural revolutionary base areas, on the role of the countryside and the city in revolutionary struggle, on people's war, on China's revolutionary art and literature, on the Great Cultural Revolution, and on class struggle and the dictatorship of the proletariat in the period of socialist revolution and socialist construction have successfully gone through repeated tests in the revolutionary movements in China and the world, in the people's national-liberation struggle and in socialist revolution and socialist construction. These works are illustrious Marxist-Leninist literature and are immortal.

"His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung performed magnificent exploits for the Chinese nation and the whole world. He was an eminent teacher in the international revolutionary movement after Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin."

Prime Minister Polpot paid tribute to Chairman Mao Tsetung for his tremendous support and encouragement to the Kampuchean people in their struggle for national liberation and in the new stage of the revolution. He said: "The passing of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung is an extremely grievous loss to the revolutionary organization, the people and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea."

"The Kampuchean people will never forget the most extraordinary sentiments and lofty spirit of internationalism His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung showed for the Kampuchean revolution and people. The Kampuchean people boundlessly esteem and wholeheartedly admire his noble and exemplary revolutionary life and noble revolutionary qualities. With most profound revolutionary and brotherly sentiments and with deepest grief, the Kampuchean people pay homage to

the lofty soul of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung," he added.

"As the Kampuchean revolutionary organization and the Communist Party of China as well as the people of the two countries base themselves firmly on Marxism-Leninism and on the principles of genuine equality, mutual respect, mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and independence, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs, the Kampuchean people under the leadership of the Kampuchean revolutionary organization and the Chinese people under the leadership of the Communist Party of China and His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung have consolidated and developed the great, splendid and solid militant unity and brotherly revolutionary friendship between the Kampuchean revolutionary organization and the Communist Party of China and between the people of the two countries. It is precisely because of this solid basis that there exists between the 8 million Kampuchean people and the 800 million Chinese people splendid revolutionary unity and friendship.

"The Kampuchean revolutionary organization, the Kampuchean people, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army will continue to stand firm on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and adhere to the principled stand of equality, mutual respect, respect for sovereignty and independence, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs, consolidate and develop the great militant unity and great revolutionary brotherhood between the Kampuchean revolutionary organization and the Communist Party of China and between the people of the two countries, and make them even more splendid."

Prime Minister Polpot said: "Although His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung has left the Chinese people and the oppressed people of the world, his name and his revolutionary thought will always be a beacon for the Chinese revolution and world revolution just as Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin are beacons guiding the road of revolution.

"In this moment of boundless sorrow and memory, the Kampuchean revolutionary organization, the Kampuchean people, the People's Congress of Kampuchea, the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army extend with deepest revolutionary affection the most profound condolences to the Communist Party of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese People's Liberation Army and our fraternal comrades-in-arms — the Chinese people.

"Eternal glory to His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung, the respected and beloved great leader of the Chinese people, an outstanding teacher of the world revolutionary movement and a close and enthusiastic comrade-in-arms of the Kampuchean people!" the Prime Minister concluded.

(To be continued.)