

Profound Mourning for Passing of the Chinese People's Great Leader Chairman Mao Tsetung

Message From French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing sent a message on September 9 to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"I learn with deep emotion the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

"Coming from the masses of the people of China, he freed China from her past humiliation and gave back to her the central place recognized by history. With him disappeared a statesman of exceptional stature, a man of thought and a man of action. He affected more than anyone else the destiny of China and of the world by the importance of his work and the audacity of his genius.

"France will not forget that he was, together with General de Gaulle who held him in high esteem, the architect of rapprochement of our two countries.

"At this grievous moment, the French people share the immense sorrow which hits the Chinese people."

Message From French Prime Minister Raymond Barre

French Prime Minister Raymond Barre has sent a message to Hua Kuo-feng, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"I learn with emotion of the death of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung and extend to you and to the members of the Chinese Government my most sincere condolences.

"I am well aware of the huge loss felt by the Chinese people in the person who had founded the New China, and would like to assure you of my deep sympathy."

Message From King Carl Gustaf Of Sweden

King Carl Gustaf of Sweden sent a message on September 9 to Wu Teh, Vice-Chairman of the Standing

Committee of the National People's Congress. The message reads:

"Deeply moved by the news of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, I express my feelings of sincere sympathy and profound regret."

Message From Prime Minister Of Sweden

The then Prime Minister Olof Palme of Sweden sent a message on September 9 to Hua Kuo-feng, Premier of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"Deeply moved by the news of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, I wish to convey to you Mr. Prime Minister the condolences of the Swedish Government and the people of Sweden. We join with the Chinese people in their deep grief at the loss of their cherished leader under whose wise guidance the People's Republic of China has assumed its rightful position among the nations of the world. The significance of Chairman Mao Tsetung is not confined to China alone. His thinking has had a great impact throughout the world. One of the great political leaders of our time has passed away but his ideas will continue to live."

Message From President Walter Scheel Of the Federal Republic of Germany

President Walter Scheel of the Federal Republic of Germany sent a message on September 9 to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"The passing away of Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the state for many years, has caused a tremendous loss to your country. I hereby wish to extend profound condolences to you and to the Chinese people in the name of myself and the Federal Republic of Germany."

"The passing away of Mao Tsetung means that the founder of the People's Republic of China and one of

the great men of our time has left us for ever. Mao Tsetung decisively participated in the creation of the history of the present century."

Message From Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic Of Germany

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany sent a message on September 9 to Hua Kuo-feng, Premier of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"In the name of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, I convey to you, Mr. Premier, my sympathy on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung who had for years guided the destinies of the Chinese people.

"Chairman Mao Tsetung was one of the designers of the development of world history and a man who had shown the Chinese people the way to a new future. He will be remembered for ever by the people of your country and the world. My conversations with the deceased last year left upon me an indelible impression of the great man. I am convinced that the Chinese people and their leaders will follow his spirit and continue to work together with other peoples of the world for maintaining peace and for the progress of mankind."

Message From President Gnaegi of Swiss Confederation

President Rudolf Gnaegi of the Swiss Confederation sent a message on September 9 to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"With emotion the Swiss Federal Council learnt of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, whose personality without equal has left deep marks on the history of his people and on his era. On behalf of the Swiss Federal Council, I wish to express to you condolences on the great sorrow which befell the Government and people of the People's Republic of China."

Message From British Queen Elizabeth II

British Queen Elizabeth II has sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, expressing her sincere condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message reads:

"I am deeply sorry to hear of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung."

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Message From British Prime Minister Callaghan

British Prime Minister James Callaghan has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing his sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message reads:

"I have learnt with deep regret of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Throughout his long life he devoted himself wholeheartedly to his country and his people. The resurgence of China is a lasting memorial to his outstanding leadership during more than half a century.

"His influence extended far beyond the boundaries of China and he will undoubtedly be remembered as a great statesman of world renown."

Message From Italian President Leone

President Giovanni Leone of the Republic of Italy has sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The message reads:

"Italy shares the grief of the Chinese people on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He was one of the greatest men in the history of China for having built the society on a new basis. He left a deep imprint on the history of the peoples. In the name of the Italian nation, I express to the Chinese nation sentiments of deepest condolences."

Message From Italian Prime Minister Andreotti

Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti of the Republic of Italy has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng. The message reads:

"At the moment of sorrow to the Chinese people, Mr. Premier, please accept my deepest condolences expressed in the name of the Italian Government and in my own name."

Message From King Birendra Of Nepal

King Birendra of Nepal sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, expressing heartfelt condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "The news that His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung has passed away came to the Queen and us as a shock. We are profoundly grieved to learn of the sad demise. Our nation shares the grief

with the people of China at this hour of bereavement. This sad moment brings to our memory occasions in the past when we had meetings with Chairman Mao Tsetung during our visits to your country. He was the most respected and beloved leader of the Chinese people and a trusted friend of our country. In his death China has lost her truly great leader, Nepal has lost a great friend and the world is also deprived of the wisdom of a distinguished personality."

Message From Nepalese Prime Minister Giri

Nepalese Prime Minister Tulsī Giri sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, expressing deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "Chairman Mao was a great leader and architect of modern China who carved for himself a distinguished place in world history. The Nepalese people always looked at him with great esteem and considered him their true friend and well-wisher."

Message From Sudanese President Nimeri

President Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 9.

The message says: "With profound sorrow, the people of the Sudan, their political organizations and their leadership at all levels have received the news of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great revolutionary leader of the struggle of the largest human congregation. In this uniqueness, the late leader combined the profundity of thought with the legacy of wisdom, of which the Chinese people are the origin and the source of illumination. His ambitious but realized objectives were in essence an embodiment of all the abilities of the great Chinese people which have inspired global aspirations and expectations. The great Chinese people have marched along the paths of human experience enriched by self-reliance, laying new foundations for mutual co-operation with many nations and peoples of the world in pursuance of liberation, peace and the happiness of mankind. The greatness of the late leader was, and shall continue to be genuine expression of the greatness of the Chinese people who, in their manifestations of intellectual and spiritual life and their daily experience as well as in their international relations are true to their obligation of self denial, sacrifice and humbleness — values whose foundations were laid down by Chairman Mao. Chairman Mao's austerity to the manifestations of wealth was itself a source of wealth which enriched humanity with the true meaning of people's authority. In his humbleness as a leader he discovered

the source of real power in the human being and that is the depth of thought, purity of heart and the ability to penetrate the essence of things. The experience of moulding the revolutionary society from Mao's thought, teachings and trials is a guide to those who endeavour to build on wisdom, self-reliance and respect for the people's will for all these things. Humanity today shares with you the loss of one of its most distinguished, most loyal and most generous of its leaders. The people of China have remained loyal friends to the people of the Sudan, offering them help and support in all fields and in every fight with open-mindedness and a deep appreciation of our people's aspirations and achievements. So we were able together to lay down the basis for the closest relations. In the face of this great loss I wish to convey to you and to the great Chinese people and to all humanity my deepest condolences, hoping that we shall find in the legacy of Mao's thought and experience what will be a guide to us in our cordial relations and mutual co-operation for the freedom, security and welfare of man."

Message From Afghan Head of State and Prime Minister Daoud

Head of State and Prime Minister of Afghanistan Mohammad Daoud sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10.

The message says: "May I extend, on the sad occasion of the demise of Mr. Mao Tsetung, my deep and heartfelt sorrow as well as that of the Government and people of Afghanistan. May I also add that the great and now late leader of the People's Republic of China was not only one of the most prominent international personalities as well as one of Asia's greatest statesmen, but moreover his name will be enshrined in the annals of your country and the memories of your people with appreciation and gratitude for the great part and positive active role he played in the reshaping of your great country. I should like also to take this opportunity to say how much I still cherish the memorable souvenir of my meeting with the late Mr. Mao Tsetung in the course of my official visit to your country in 1957. Allow me to express once again my profound sympathy and condolences on this immense loss."

Message From Mexican President Echeverria

President of the United States of Mexico Luis Echeverria Alvarez sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10.

The message says: "Shocked by the death of Mao Tsetung, the farseeing architect of New China, I express to Your Excellency my sentiments of profound grief. Just as I had the opportunity of declaring three

years ago during my visit to your country, he was the poet, prophet and fighter of his people who found in him an exceptional political and spiritual leader. The people and Government of Mexico share with the people and Government of China their deep sorrow for the disappearance of such an illustrious and exemplary statesman. I extend to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration and personal respect."

Message From Niger Head of State Kountche

Lieutenant-Colonel Seyni Kountche, President of the Supreme Military Council and Head of State of Niger, has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng expressing sincere condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "The entire Niger people, the Supreme Military Council, the Government and I myself learnt with profound consternation and grief of the demise of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great statesman who in his lifetime had shown constant solicitude for his people to assure them of happiness and prosperity in real social justice and equity. Chairman Mao Tsetung has left an indelible impression on the peoples of the third world for the support he always rendered to them in their struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism."

Message From Korean Premier Pak Sung Chul

Pak Sung Chul, Premier of the Administration Council of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 11, expressing deep condolences on the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "Comrade Mao Tsetung, the great Marxist-Leninist, the outstanding proletarian revolutionary, one of the eminent leaders of the international communist movement and workers' movement and the Chinese people's respected and beloved leader, founded the Communist Party of China, the Chinese People's Liberation Army and the People's Republic of China, guided the socialist revolution and socialist construction of China to splendid victory, and devoted his life to the liberation struggle of the oppressed people the world over and the revolutionary cause of the proletariat.

"Comrade Mao Tsetung, a genuine proletarian internationalist, who despite countless difficulties facing the newborn People's Republic of China, determinedly shared weal and woe with the Korean people during their Fatherland Liberation War, personally initiated the movement to resist U.S. aggression and aid Korea, and sent volunteers to the Korean front to assist our people's just cause with their own blood, thus becoming the closest comrade-in-arms of the Korean people.

"The passing away of Comrade Mao Tsetung is a great loss not only to the Chinese people but also to the Korean people and the revolutionary people the world over.

"Although Comrade Mao Tsetung has left us, the immortal exploits left behind by him will shine for ever."

Message From Chairman Arafat of Palestine Liberation Organization

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Commander-in-Chief of the Palestine Revolution Forces, sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10.

The message says: "With profound sorrow, we learnt the news of the passing away of the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung. It is a loss to the Chinese people, to the Palestinian people and to the peoples of the whole world. With his death, the peoples of the world have lost one of the greatest leaders fighting for their freedom and liberation and for building the future.

"On behalf of the Arab Palestinian people and the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and in my own name, I would like to express deep condolences to the friendly Chinese people, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and the Chinese Government on this great misfortune.

"We, the Arab Palestinian people, have high esteem and profound respect for the great leader Chairman Mao who had sided with us since the start of our revolution and our just cause. It should be pointed out that he assumed this friendly, revolutionary stand when the People's Republic of China was founded. Chairman Mao showed the greatest concern for the revolution and construction started then, thus providing most substantial support to the revolutionary struggle and to the struggle of the peoples of the whole world.

"The Palestinian people and their revolutionary fighters have always regarded Chairman Mao as a great and close friend who has given firm and powerful support to their revolutionary struggle.

"We are convinced that the great Chinese people will pass this grave and difficult moment and resolutely carry the revolutionary cause of Chairman Mao Tsetung through to the end under the wise leadership of the Communist Party of China and that of yours.

"The entire Chinese people who have followed Chairman Mao in the fight and made contributions to it will surely rely on their own efforts and continue to advance under the leadership of your great Party.

"Long live the struggle of the great Chinese people!

"Eternal glory to the late leader Chairman Mao Tsetung!

"Carry on the revolution till victory!"

Message From Finnish President Kekkonen

President of the Republic of Finland Urho Kekkonen sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China on September 9.

The message says: "It was with deep sorrow that I today learnt of the passing away of His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, an eminent statesman and the long-standing and great leader of the Chinese people. On behalf of the Finnish people and on my own, I wish to convey my deeply felt condolences at this time of bereavement fallen upon your country and people."

Message From Finnish Prime Minister Miettunen

Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland Martti Miettunen sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 9.

The message says: "In the name of the Finnish Government and on my own behalf, I wish to express to Your Excellency my deeply felt sympathy on the passing away of His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the long-standing and great leader of the Chinese people."

Message From Finnish Parliament Speaker Helle

Speaker of the Finnish Parliament Veikko Helle sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China on September 9.

The message says: "Having received the sad news of the passing away of His Excellency Mr. Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, I wish to present the expression of my deeply felt sympathy."

Message From Greek President Tsatsos

President of the Hellenic Republic Constantine Tsatsos sent a message to Wu Teh, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, on September 9.

The message says: "I have been deeply moved by the loss of Chairman Mao Tsetung, a great world personality. Please accept, Your Excellency, the expression of deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on behalf of myself and the Greek people."

Message From Canadian Governor-General Leger

Canadian Governor-General Jules Leger has sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, expressing the most profound condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Message From Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing the most sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "It is with a profound sense of personal sorrow that I have learnt of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. His Long March is over; a giant of 20th century world history and the father of the New China is gone.

"The People's Republic of China stands as an enduring monument to the spirit and political philosophy of Chairman Mao. His historical role was to harness the greatness of the people of China, and to lead them out of poverty, servitude, division and war. The new Chinese nation has earned the respect of the world in political and economic development. Though our social systems differ, Canadians recognize the path-breaking spirit of equality and community that, under Chairman Mao's guidance, has contributed to the modernization of China.

"It is a matter of deep satisfaction to me that six years ago the People's Republic of China and Canada established diplomatic relations. Strong links have been forged since then between our two Governments and two peoples on the basis of equality and mutual respect. As the memory of Norman Bethune has inspired our efforts in the past, Chairman Mao's interest in developing better relations between our two countries will live in the friendship between us."

Message From Governor-General Blundell of New Zealand

New Zealand Governor-General Denis Blundell has sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

The message says: "On my own behalf, and in the name of all the people of New Zealand, may I express to the Chinese people our deepest sympathy for the loss of their great leader, Chairman Mao Tsetung.

"No monument to Chairman Mao's wisdom and lifelong devotion to the interests of his people is more

fitting than China's present strength and self-reliance. People of present and future generations will surely give Chairman Mao a special and outstanding place in the long history of mankind."

Message From Prime Minister Muldoon of New Zealand

Prime Minister Robert Muldoon of New Zealand has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, extending condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "May I, on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand, express sympathy and fellow-feeling for the Chinese people in their great loss.

"Having personally experienced his dominance of the mind and spirit of modern China, I know the profound effect that his passing will have on his people. I am grateful for the opportunity to have met this legendary figure in his last days.

"At once a thinker, a man of action, and a statesman, Mao Tsetung made an impact on the life of his country equalled by very few leaders in its long history. He devoted his life to righting the wrongs suffered by China and the Chinese people in the past century. And not in vain. Mao Tsetung had already left his imprint firmly on the history of China, and of the world, when on October 1, 1949 he stood in Tien An Men Square to proclaim the founding of the People's Republic of China. Many leaders would have regarded such an achievement as the climax of their career. For Mao Tsetung, it was a beginning. For another 27 years he continued his labours in the service of the people of China, labours which ceased only with his death."

The message says: "In one of his most famous speeches, Mao Tsetung spoke of struggle and sacrifice in the pursuit of an ideal. He quoted the saying of a Chinese writer: 'Though death befalls all men alike, it may be weightier than Mount Tai or lighter than a feather.' The achievements of his life have ensured that Mao Tsetung's own death is indeed weightier than Mount Tai. We join with the people of China in mourning his passing."

Message From King of the Belgians Baudouin

King of the Belgians Baudouin sent a message to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China on September 9, extending his most profound condolences on the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "The memory of the outstanding personality of Chairman Mao Tsetung and his influence on the history of China will never fade."

Message From Belgian Prime Minister Tindemans

Prime Minister of Belgium Leo Tindemans sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 9.

The message says: "I am very grieved by the announcement of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung and I wish to tell you that I share the sorrow of the Chinese people. The eminent personality of the Chairman will remain in the memory of all those who have the honour of being acquainted with him. He will leave an indelible mark on the development of modern China."

Message From Danish Queen Margrethe II

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark sent a message to the Standing Committee of the 4th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China on September 9.

The message says: "At the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung I wish to express to the Standing Committee my sincere sympathy. Mao Tsetung's great achievements as leader of the Chinese people won him an everlasting place in history."

Message From Danish Prime Minister Joergensen

Danish Prime Minister Anker Joergensen sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 9.

The message says: "At the demise of Chairman Mao Tsetung I wish on behalf of the Danish Government to express to you Mr. Prime Minister our sincere sympathy on the occasion of the loss suffered by China. With the demise of Mao Tsetung the world has lost one of its greatest and most important statesmen in this century."

Message From Grand Duke of Luxembourg Jean

Grand Duke of Luxembourg Jean sent a message to Wu Teh, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, on September 9, expressing deepest condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "My compatriots join me in paying homage to the memory of Chairman Mao Tsetung, an exceptionally great man. We are aware that with his death, one has lost one of the most distinguished men of our era, one of the great thinkers of mankind."

Message From Prime Minister Thorn of Luxembourg

Gaston Thorn, Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 9.

The message says: "I have just learnt with sorrow of the sad news of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, an outstanding statesman who, with his thought and action, made decisive marks on the destiny of the great Chinese people, and who was one of the greatest figures of the 20th century. On this occasion the Government of Luxembourg pays its last and respectful homage. Please accept, Your Excellency, the expression of my deep sympathy and condolences."

Message From Austrian President Kirchschaeger

President of the Republic of Austria Rudolf Kirchschaeger sent a message to Wu Teh, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, on September 9.

The message says: "Deeply shocked by the news of the passing away of Mr. Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Communist Party of China. The People's Republic of China and the Chinese people have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of this outstanding statesman who, through his wisdom and his extraordinary merits and achievements, accomplished an everlasting feat. I beg you to accept the sincere sympathy of the Austrian people and my personal profound condolences."

Message From Zambian President Kaunda

Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, President of the Republic of Zambia, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng. The message says:

"It is with a profound sense of shock and sorrow that I have learnt of the death of your great leader, Chairman Mao Tsetung.

"Chairman Mao Tsetung symbolizes those qualities that have marked and will continue to mark the outstanding and phenomenal achievements of the People's Republic of China and its contribution to the world as a whole in many fields of human endeavour.

"Chairman Mao Tsetung was a great revolutionary leader who became a legend in his own lifetime. His life was a shining example of dedication and self-sacrifice in the cause of the Chinese people and mankind as a whole. Chairman Mao Tsetung was always a

revolutionary. From early age Chairman Mao Tsetung demonstrated qualities of a visionary and revolutionary leader. Even before the founding of the Chinese Communist Party in July 1921, he dedicated his life to the cause of the oppressed people of China against imperialism and domestic reaction. Chairman Mao Tsetung was a worker, teacher, a great guerrilla leader, philosopher and great statesman. In all these and other walks of life he was an uncompromising champion of the cause of the downtrodden.

"His leadership of the progressive forces of China against Japanese and other imperialist aggression and his routing of the puppet Chiang Kai-shek clique ushered in a glorious and unparalleled period of national reconstruction and development of China. Since the proclamation, under his leadership, of the People's Republic of China on 1st October, 1949, the achievements of the Chinese people in all fields have been truly remarkable.

"Twenty-seven years ago, China was a backward, oppressed and dependent country. Today she is a modern, prosperous and self-reliant country. Under the wise and able guidance of Chairman Mao Tsetung, China's economy has grown from strength to strength in the interests of the Chinese people.

"Chairman Mao Tsetung gave the People's Republic of China a new and purposeful sense of national unity and disinterested co-operation with the vast majority of the countries and peoples of the world.

"In the field of international relations, New China continues to make a profound contribution to the betterment of the world. The role that China has played and continues to play in championing the cause of freedom and justice is outstanding. Her commitment to the cause of liberation and the fundamental rights and interests of the developing world is an inspiration to the majority of mankind. China's support for the just cause of the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America has strengthened revolutionary forces against the forces of imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, fascism and racism.

"Furthermore, China's phenomenal growth into a major world power has dealt a severe blow to the superpower machination and adventurism. Whether we are talking in terms of a new international economic order, or in military and ideological terms, the glorious revolutionary example of the People's Republic of China, under the able and selfless leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung, is a great encouragement to all progressive countries and forces.

"The Party, Government and people of Zambia will always remember the genuine co-operation and assistance that the People's Republic of China has rendered and continues to render to us. A friend in need is a friend indeed. Zambia has, since her birth, faced a bewildering variety of problems stemming principally from the unflinching support for the liberation struggle. Chairman Mao Tsetung and his great revolutionary

country and people have been a reliable supporter not only of Zambia but of the oppressed brothers and sisters in southern Africa. Under the wise leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese Communist Party, the friendly people of China have forged a profound bond of friendship and co-operation based on a genuine commitment to the just cause of mankind.

"It is therefore with a profound sense of grief that the people of Zambia join the people of China and the entire world in mourning the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. We are, however, confident that his single-minded dedication to the cause of the broad masses everywhere will continue to inspire all those who are dedicated to the cause of justice the world over.

"I convey to Your Excellency, the Party, the Government and the entire people of China, on behalf of the Party, the Government and the entire people of the Republic of Zambia, and indeed on my own behalf, our deep and sincere condolences."

Message From Syrian President Assad

Hafez Al-Assad, Secretary-General of the Arab Baath Socialist Party and President of the Syrian Arab Republic, sent a message to Chinese leaders on September 9, expressing sincere condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message reads:

"With deep sorrow we learnt of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Communist Party of China and the prominent leader under whose leadership the People's Republic of China has made important achievements in many fields. On behalf of the Arab people of Syria, on my own behalf and on behalf of the leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, I express to Your Excellencies, to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and to the friendly people of China our sincere sympathy and condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He will go down in history as the leader of the Chinese revolution, the founder of the People's Republic of China, the inspirer for all the great achievements made by China, the staunch defender of the cause of freedom and the firm supporter of the peoples' struggle against colonialism, imperialism, injustice and the system of exploitation. We share with you the sorrow for the passing of the great leader and wish China under the leadership of the Communist Party of China continued successes."

Message From Syrian Prime Minister Khleifawi

General Abdel Rahman Khleifawi, Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic, sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing immense sorrow and profound condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"It is with much regret and sorrow that I learnt of the decease of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people and a prominent fighter in human history who led your great people in the struggle for liberation and socialist construction. Under his leadership, the People's Republic of China has made brilliant successes and great achievements. Chairman Mao Tsetung was the leader and teacher of the Chinese people and a unique personality who supported the peoples' struggle for national liberation."

Message From Leaders of Democratic Yemen

Abdul Fattah Ismail, Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Unified National Front Political Organization and President of the Supreme People's Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen; Salem Robaya Ali, Deputy Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Organization and Chairman of the Presidential Council; and Ali Nasser Mohamed Hassoni, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Organization and Premier of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, sent a message on September 10 to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, expressing sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message reads: "With much grief, we learnt of the passing, at the age of 82, of Comrade Mao Tsetung; Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the great leader of the Communist Party of China and the prominent leader of the international communist movement and world revolutionary movement.

"In more than half a century when he wisely led the Chinese people, his thinking and teachings have become a beacon in the revolutionary life of the Chinese people and the world progressive humanity, illuminating the road to freedom, progress and socialism. In the wise revolutionary leadership and political line of the great Chairman Mao Tsetung, the Chinese people have, from their own experience of protracted fighting, found a way for carrying out people's revolution, building a new China and realizing the objectives of and the aspirations for the establishment of the dictatorship of the working class in China. We are confident that under the leadership of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the great Chinese people will continue to advance with big strides to achieve all the grand objectives for which Chairman Mao Tsetung had fought for a long time."

Message From Chairman Hamdi of Yemen Arab Republic

Lieutenant-Colonel Ibrahim Mohamed Hamdi, Chairman of the Command Council of the Yemen Arab

Republic and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"We learnt with bitter sorrow of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of China. This great misfortune has evoked deepest grief in our hearts. The death of Chairman Mao Tsetung is a great loss in the contemporary human history. I extend to Your Excellency, other Chinese leaders and the great Chinese people the condolences of the Yemen Arab Republic and its people on the death of the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung. I believe that the friendly People's Republic of China and the friendly Chinese people will carry on the cause left behind by the late Chairman and his teachings and make constant efforts and continue to march in support of the struggle of the humanity for peace, national independence, progress and prosperity."

Message From Jamaican Prime Minister Manley

Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley sent a message on September 9, expressing deep and sincere sorrow on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message reads:

"The world today mourns the death of a great leader. Chairman Mao Tsetung, who was a Titan among men, will be remembered in history as the architect, liberator and builder of the New China. He will be remembered for his unswerving determination to set the Chinese people free from poverty, exploitation and oppression.

"This great man, who was all at once a poet, military genius and outstanding statesman, led his revolutionary forces on the famous Long March — an epic event in the history of any nation. He converted defeat into the overwhelming victory and liberation of the Chinese people.

"After the armed struggle had been won, Chairman Mao guided the New China for another quarter of a century and under his inspired leadership the Chinese people have made outstanding progress in the development of their country. The whole world admires and respects the achievements of the Chinese revolution which Chairman Mao led until the end of his life.

"On behalf of the Government and people of Jamaica, I wish to convey deep and sincere sorrow to the Government and people of China on the death of their great and beloved leader, Chairman Mao Tsetung."

Message From Fijian Prime Minister Mara

Prime Minister Mara of Fiji sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng extending sincere

condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"We in Fiji have learnt with great sorrow of the sad passing of your respected and distinguished leader, Chairman Mao Tsetung. He will be for ever remembered for his long years of devoted service to the People's Republic of China and for the historic part he played in its development."

Message From Icelandic Prime Minister Hallgrimsson

Geir Hallgrimsson, Prime Minister of Iceland, sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"With Mao Tsetung disappears the leader of the world's most populous nation. He was the undisputed leader of the Chinese people, militarily, politically, and spiritually. With his actions and teachings he has probably to a greater extent than any other contemporary influenced the international development in recent years. The Icelandic Government conveys sincere condolences to the people of China with the hope that they will react to the loss of their leader with the equanimity and courage which is their characteristic."

Message From Prime Minister den Uyl of the Netherlands

J.M. den Uyl, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing sincerest condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"History will acclaim Chairman Mao as one of the most outstanding personalities of our times because of his unique role in the development of China during the last half of the century."

Message From Hungarian Presidential Council and Council of Ministers

The Presidential Council and the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic sent a message on September 9 to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and the State Council of the People's Republic of China, which says:

"The Presidential Council and the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic express condolences on the death of Mao Tsetung."

Message From Liberian President Tolbert

President W.R. Tolbert Jr. of Liberia sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng extending

sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"We in Liberia have learnt with profound regrets the sad news of the passing into the great beyond in his 82nd year of your sagacious head of state and leader of the Communist Party of your great country, Chairman Mao Tsetung. Chairman Mao was indeed one of the greatest statesmen of the contemporary world and we feel certain that he will be recorded in the annals of modern history as one who had the greatest impact on his people and country."

Message From U.S. President Ford

U.S. President Gerald R. Ford sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"Please accept my personal condolences, and those of the Government and people of the United States, on the occasion of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

"Few men in any era achieve historic greatness. Chairman Mao was one of these men. His leadership has been a decisive element in the shaping of the Chinese nation for several decades, and his works have left a deep imprint upon our civilization. He was truly a major figure of our times.

"I was privileged to meet Chairman Mao during my visit to Peking in December 1975. Our discussion furthered the development of U.S.-China relations along the lines that our two countries had earlier envisaged. Let me affirm now, as I did then, the determination of the United States to complete the normalization of our relations on the basis of the Shanghai communique. This would be a fitting tribute to his vision, and of benefit to the peoples of our two countries."

Message From Jordanian Regent Hassan bin Talal

Jordanian Regent El Hassan bin Talal sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"Please accept my sincere condolences on the sad demise of your great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung and accept the hope that the great Chinese people will continue in their pursuit of peace and prosperity for peoples of the developing nations of the world."

Message From Jordanian Prime Minister Badran

Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran sent a message on September 9 to the Premier of the People's Republic of China, which says:

"With deep regret and sorrow I received the news of the death of your great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung. Please accept my profound sympathy and condolences as well as those of the Government of Jordan for this grave loss."

Statement by Pakistan Prime Minister Bhutto

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, issued a statement in Larkana, Pakistan, on the evening of September 9 on the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The statement says: "Without a doubt, Chairman Mao Tsetung was a giant among giants." It adds: "His powerful influence left its imprint on the hearts of millions of men and women everywhere."

The statement says: "Mao Tsetung is not dead. He remains immortal. His thoughts will continue to guide the destinies of peoples and nations until the sun sets for ever. It would be a disservice to the memory of this miracle man, if his epoch-making feats were measured in the dimension of China alone. Of course, he did wonders for China and her 800 million people, but Mao Tsetung was an Olympian world leader, whose contribution to contemporary events defies a parallel.

"Today, the world mourns the death of Mao Tsetung, but by the dawn of the morrow, it will rise to sing hymns in his everlasting praise." "My thoughts and sentiments, as those of my countrymen, are full of sorrow and anguish." "The humility and humour of the man, his glory and greatness, the valour and victory of Mao Tsetung are written in the boldest relief."

The statement continues: "The name of Mao Tsetung shall for ever remain synonymous with the great and good causes of the poor and the downtrodden. He shall remain the shining symbol of the struggle of mankind against oppression and exploitation, the hallmark of triumph against colonialism and imperialism." It says in conclusion: "We in Pakistan salute to the memory of the immortal Mao Tsetung."

Statements by Arab Republic of Egypt and Its Presidency

The Arab Republic of Egypt and its Presidency issued statements on September 9 separately to mourn the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The statement of the Arab Republic of Egypt reads: "The Arab Republic of Egypt regrets the death of the leader of the People's Republic of China and commander of its march, the prominent struggler Mao Tsetung.

"Chairman Mao was particularly outstanding among the leaders who with their struggle and thought contributed to the furthering of the causes of their peoples as well as the peoples of the third world. His prin-

principles and his struggle will remain a beacon guiding the free men all over the world.

"The Arab Republic of Egypt sympathizes with the great loss incurred by the people and Government of the People's Republic of China as a result of the death of Chairman Mao.

"The People's Republic of China and the peoples of the third world lost a great leader and a struggler who remained unshaken in the face of hardships. Chairman Mao has given his life to the people of China and in return was given unique appreciation and respect by the people of China."

The statement of the Egyptian Presidency reads: "President Anwar el-Sadat and the Egyptian people received the news of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people, with great sadness and regret. Owing to the passing away of Chairman Mao, China lost the commander of its march, the architect of China's revolution and pioneer of its struggle."

"In his name and in the name of the Egyptian people and Government President Sadat expressed condolences to the great Chinese people and the friendly Chinese Government on the death of their great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung."

Statement by Former U.S. President Nixon

Former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon issued a statement on September 9 on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The statement said: "Chairman Mao Tsetung's long march through life has now ended with his death at the age of 82. He was a man of immense physical courage and ideological determination, who worked up until his last days."

Nixon said: "As leaders who represented totally different philosophies and views, we both recognized when we met in Peking in 1972 that Chinese-American friendship had become indispensable to the interests of both our nations.

"I was particularly impressed by his profound understanding not only of the problems of his own people, but of the objective realities of the world situation. The new relationship which we established then was a tribute to this far-sighted vision on his part.

"He reaffirmed that vision in my last meeting with him on February 23 of this year."

He said: "Mao Tsetung was a unique man in a generation of great revolutionary leaders. He was a totally dedicated and pragmatic Communist, but he was also a visionary poet deeply steeped in the history of the Chinese people.

"Some years ago he wrote a poem that began: 'We had much to do and quickly. The sky-earth spins and

time is short. Ten thousand years is long and so a morning and evening count.'

"Historians will assess his career and his impact on the Chinese people and the world. There can be no doubt that he made his morning and evening count in working for the vision he saw and for the principles in which he so strongly believed."

Statement by Former Australian Prime Minister Whitlam

Edward Gough Whitlam, former Australian Prime Minister and leader of the opposition, issued a statement on September 9 on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The statement said: "The death of Mao Tsetung removes one of the giants of modern history. For more than half a century he led one of the great mass movements in history, and for the last 27 years was the revered leader and spiritual embodiment of the world's most populous nation. Few men have been so indissolubly identified with the development of a modern state and with the ideals and aspirations of its people."

It added: "Under his leadership China gained an international respect and an internal stability she had not known for centuries, and her people benefited from the most honest and efficient government China has ever had. My colleagues and I are grieved to learn of Chairman Mao's death and offer our deep sympathy to the Government and people of China."

Message From Egyptian President Sadat

Egyptian President Mohamed Anwar el-Sadat has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng. The message says:

"I have been afflicted to learn of the sad news of the passing away of the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung which in fact is a heavy loss for the Chinese people. The late Chairman Mao has devoted his life for boosting his people's status and led them through his wisdom and insight from victory to victory on the way towards realizing prosperity as well as grandeur. History will record him as an immortal leader and philosopher who had strenuous efforts for serving his country.

"The peoples all over the world who are looking for freedom will never forget his just stance towards the causes of world peace and order, particularly his firm support of the right of the Arabs in removing the traces of the Israeli aggression and restoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

"I am very confident that the solid basis of friendship and fruitful co-operation laid by the late Mao

Tsetung between our two countries will go from strength to strength during the days to come to the mutual benefit of our two friendly peoples as well as for the just peace.

"May you accept, Mr. Premier, along with the friendly Chinese people in my own name and on behalf of the Egyptian people our deep sympathies and heartfelt condolences."

Message From Egyptian Premier Salem

Egyptian Premier Momdouh Salem has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng. The message says:

"I learnt with extreme grief of the death of the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung. His death is an immense loss to the Chinese people and the third world people. The world and China have lost a world leader who had the rare ability to combine theory with practice. To the great Chinese people and freedom-fighters all over the world, his words and deeds have served as a beacon light. I and my colleagues, members of the Egyptian Government, share your sorrow caused by the loss of the great leader. We hold that Chairman Mao Tsetung was worthy of being called a leader of the third world, who with his policies, style of work and theories has opened a new road for world diplomatic relations and relations of co-operation between peoples of the world. His merits and theories will for ever be valuable legacies for all mankind.

"Please accept my sincere condolences and sympathy as well as those of the members of the Egyptian Government."

Message From Congolese President N'Gouabi

Major Marien N'Gouabi, President of the Central Committee of the Congolese Party of Labour, President and Head of State of the People's Republic of the Congo, has sent a message 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, extending deepest condolences on the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"The revolutionaries of the whole world are today in mourning. Chairman Mao Tsetung is gone; he has left us after devoting his whole life to the service of the Chinese and world revolution.

"I take this opportunity to express, in the name of our glorious party — the Congolese Party of Labour, the heartfelt gratitude of the Congolese people to the immortal Mao Tsetung.

"For the Congolese revolutionaries, Mao Tsetung is one of the most eminent figures of all time. His tragic demise has evoked unparalleled grief in our hearts. The work of Chairman Mao Tsetung is immeasurable and his prestige has gone beyond the boundary of the great People's China and won recognition throughout the world.

"Chairman Mao Tsetung, from the launching of the national-liberation struggle, the Long March till his death, has always worked with firmness and determination to free completely his people from the exploitation of man by man and gradually bring welfare and social justice to them. Under his clear-sighted leadership, the Chinese people have won brilliant victories in the economic, social, cultural, scientific and diplomatic fields. Not to recall all the grand historical moments of the revolutionary China which emerged thanks to the lucidity and tenacity of this prestigious statesman, we limit ourselves to mentioning the recent diplomatic victory won through the admirable and untiring efforts of the resolute Chinese people — we mean the restoration of the seats of the People's China in the United Nations.

"Despite imperialist vetoes, the ever-increasing prestige of Mao Tsetung's great People's China asserted itself and led the United Nations to recognize the People's Republic of China as the sole, legitimate representative of the entire Chinese people. Justice was thus preserved to recognize the merits of a dynamic foreign policy in favour of the peoples in struggle and in the interests of the consolidation of the independence of the young states newly freed from the colonialist and imperialist yoke. The sincere, effective and disinterested aid which the China of Mao Tsetung has rendered and is continuing to render to the people of these countries shows that today, co-operation with the People's Republic of China occupies a salient place in Africa. If yesterday, poisoned by reactionary propaganda of imperialism, not a few African countries cherished illusions and trembled at the thought of "yellow peril," today, the Chinese people have become a sincere friend of the peoples of the third world thanks to the dynamic diplomacy of a people and a man. The Congolese people, on their part, will always highly appreciate the co-operation which links so happily the People's Republic of China and the People's Republic of the Congo.

"The image of Chairman Mao Tsetung will always be engraved in our memory, the image of an exceptional hero who fought with courage against illness just as he combated the enemy of the Chinese people and built socialism for the well-being of his people.

"To the revolutionaries in the Congo and the world, Chairman Mao Tsetung will for ever remain the image and immortal symbol of the revolution. His thoughts will be everlasting and will contribute to our own revolutionary action. The Congolese people are, and will always be, the friend of the Chinese people. The rela-

tions between us have surpassed the domain of simple co-operation and reached the stage of militant and revolutionary solidarity and fraternity.”

Message From Togolese President Eyadema

General Gnassingbe Eyadema, President of the Republic of Togo, sent a message to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China on September 10. The message says:

“We are shocked to learn with deep grief the demise of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The passing of the teacher of the Chinese nation is an irreparable loss not only to the Chinese people but also to the entire international community. As an outstanding statesman, Chairman Mao succeeded, at the price of great sacrifices, in leading the Chinese people to victories over underdevelopment and international imperialism. The Togolese people, their Government, their movement of national union — the Togolese People’s Union (R.P.T.) and I join the Chinese people in their immense sorrow and we express our deepest condolences to them.”

Message From Malagasy President Ratsiraka

President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar Didier Ratsiraka sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, extending profound condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

“We learnt with great emotion and profound grief of the passing of Mr. Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. Lamenting today the father of their socialist revolution, the Chinese people will continue to hold high the banner of the indefatigable leader of the Long March at all times. The struggling peoples will always remember this great statesman who devoted all his life to the service of their cause and to the establishment of more just and equitable international relations. With his passing, we have lost a precious friend who worked incessantly for the harmonious development of fraternal relations of friendship and frank and fruitful co-operation between China and Madagascar.”

Message From Maldivian President Ibrahim Nasir

Ibrahim Nasir, President of the Republic of Maldives, sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, extending deepest sympathies and condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

“Shocked and deeply grieved to hear of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. His passing away will be an irreparable loss to the People’s Republic of China and her citizens.”

Message From Ghanaian Head of State Acheampong

Ignatius Kutu Acheampong, Head of State and Chairman of the Supreme Military Council of Ghana, sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, expressing heartfelt condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: “It is with profound sorrow and deepest regret that we have received the news of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.”

It says: “We share the grief of the Chinese people and indeed of all progressive world forces on the irreparable loss of this outstanding world leader. A man of proven wisdom and deep learning of Chairman Mao Tsetung one can rightly speak in volumes, but at this time of grievous sorrow our minds can only readily go to those easily identifiable areas where his great contribution led to the radical transformation of the conditions of life of the Chinese people and of the thoughts and policies of the nations of the modern world. We refer to his revolutionary zeal as a founding father of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army which now does not only ensure national defence against external aggression but is also an essential arm of the state in national construction and development. He will be remembered as the builder of the Chinese Communist Party whose direction and policies and the interaction between these and state interests he masterly controlled. As a founder of modern China, it was Chairman Mao Tsetung who on October 1, 1949 proclaimed the People’s Republic of China under which he was elected Chairman.”

It says: “As revolutionary leader and theoretician his rural-based theories of frugality and self-reliance provided not only the Chinese people but also the third world countries with a philosophy for economic and social development. His numerous books and writings will continue to inspire all countries and peoples struggling to achieve human dignity, development and progress. He was at once a seer, scholar-philosopher, a military strategist and a world statesman of no mean order. Chairman Mao Tsetung urged his countrymen to dare to struggle and dare to win. Throughout his life he lived this saying and in the process transformed Chinese society and moulded it into the world power of today. In my own name and in the name of the Government and people of Ghana I extend to Your Excellency, the Government and people of the People’s Republic of China heartfelt condolences on the

death of this great leader and respected champion of third world causes."

Message From President Lamizana Of Upper Volta

Lieutenant-General Elhadj Aboubakar Sangoule Lamizana, President of the Republic of Upper Volta, sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, extending sincere sympathies and condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "We are convinced that the passing of the man of the Long March will bring sorrow to the people of the whole world, because his name will be linked for ever not only with the liberation struggle of the valiant Chinese people, but also with that of all the oppressed and freedom-loving peoples. Chairman Mao Tsetung is one of the most illustrious figures seldom seen in the postwar period and contemporary history. In his demise, the Chinese revolution which he led with clear-sightedness and determination and to which he devoted his whole life, has lost the greatest leader. A man of action and a brilliant thinker throughout his life, he has left to mankind voluminous and rich works which will guide the generations to come."

Message From Malaysian Supreme Head of State Yahya Petra

Tuanku Yahya Petra Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Ibrahim, Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, sent a message to Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Soong Ching Ling on September 10, extending sincere condolences and sympathies on the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Message From Malaysian Prime Minister Hussein Onn

Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, extending sincere condolences and sympathies on the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung was the principal founder and architect of New China and was one of the greatest men of our time. He had personally endorsed the establishment of friendly

relations between the People's Republic of China and Malaysia and the people of Malaysia will always remember him for this contribution."

Message From Maltese President Mamo

Anthony J. Mamo, President of the Republic of Malta, sent a message to Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Teh on September 10, expressing profound grief on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"The death of Chairman Mao Tsetung leaves the People's Republic of China and the whole world bereft of a great statesman and leader whose life was dedicated to the advancement of the Chinese people and of all oppressed nations of the world. The Government and people of Malta have lost a true and great friend, and they join me in mourning his passing away."

Message From Moroccan King Hassan II

Moroccan King Hassan II sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10, extending deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "We beg you to believe that his passing represents the departure of one of the most illustrious leaders of state who have left their imprint on human history and guided their peoples with insight and full awareness of the contradictions of the modern world and who have worked for the defence of the dignity of man and struggled for laying the foundation for peace and security in the world.

"The memory of the Chairman of China and the promoter of her renaissance will always be a torch for the Chinese people on the road to development and well-being."

Message From Equatorial Guinean President Masie

Masie Nguema Biyogo Negue Ndong, Life President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng on September 10. The message says:

"With profound sorrow and regret we learnt the sad news of the passing of His Excellency the great Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of modern China. The Equatorial Guinean people, their National United Workers' Party and I myself, extend to the people, the Communist Party and the Government of China our profound condolences on the passing of the great Mao

Tsetung, the great revolutionary of modern China. This great figure of contemporary history, who changed the course of world events and guided his people to become the vanguard in the world political arena, transformed New China into a peaceful, modernized and industrialized power. This great statesman was a steadfast friend of the people of independent countries in Africa, the Equatorial Guinean people in particular. His passing has greatly saddened us. Although the great Mao Tsetung has left us, his wise policy guiding the Chinese people will live for ever. The Equatorial Guinean people are fully and deeply convinced that millions upon millions of the Chinese people will surely continue to implement the policy of the great Chairman Mao Tsetung and carry on the cause of this supreme founder of the People's Republic of China. The great Mao Tsetung dedicated his whole life to the well-being of the Chinese people, fighting against foreign imperialism until China was transformed into a modern world power."

Statement by Zairian President Mobutu

A statement by Zairian President Mobutu on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung was broadcast by the Zaire Press Agency on September 9. He said: "I had the opportunity to meet Chairman Mao Tsetung twice, first in January 1973 and then in December 1974." He added: "What impressed me were his quickwittedness and his great wisdom despite his great age." He stressed: "I am sure that the great ideas of the great thinker Mao Tsetung will continue to influence the history of future generations." "With grief and respect I salute his memory," he stated.

Statement by Mexican President Echeverria

Mexican President Luis Echeverria on September 9 said that Chairman Mao Tsetung was a great man in human history, for he made contributions to its transformation.

He said this in a statement he made in Zacatecas, capital of Zacatecas State, on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The President recalled his meeting with Chairman Mao Tsetung in April 1973. He said: Chairman Mao "was the poet, prophet and fighter of his people"; "I always consider him a great reformer of his people. He was a man really full of wisdom, with the richest and very well established experience."

The President added: "In China we saw great social achievements and a profound spirit of solidarity in the people who are faithful to his teachings. The world has lost a great statesman. He was a great political and spiritual leader of his people."

China, he continued, had suffered from exploitation by foreign countries which had made it a colony and prostrate. The revolution led by Chairman Mao liberated China. "We have seen how a lively, smiling and hard-working people have prospered. And it is one quarter of humanity," he added.

President Echeverria said: "I think that internationally the policy of People's China (as a most important third world country) will remain the same."

Statement by Philippine President Marcos

Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos issued a statement on the evening of September 9, mourning the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The statement says that Chairman Mao Tsetung "was a leader of man, a mover of history. He belongs to the ages. He welded China into a great self-reliant nation and led it with wisdom, courage and self-sacrifice to claim its position in the family of nations."

"That many small nations of the world are able to maintain equal ties of friendship with China is one of Mao Tsetung's achievements in the name of world peace," the statement says.

Announcement by the Provisional Military Government of Ethiopia

"Not only the people of China but the entire oppressed masses of the world are deeply grieved by the death of Chairman Mao. Ethiopian masses who are in the midst of a violent class struggle are specially grieved by his death," said the Provisional Military Government of Ethiopia on September 9 in an announcement on the passing away of the great leader of the Chinese people Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The announcement, published as the leading item in the frontpage of the *Ethiopian Herald*, stated that "during his lifetime, Chairman Mao has made a creative contribution to Marxism-Leninism by making it applicable to the contemporary struggle for the liberation of the oppressed peoples of the world. His works are widely read by the Ethiopians. In particular, his ideas on new-democratic revolution have inspired the revolutionary programmes of countries like Ethiopia." "Thoughts of Chairman Mao have also inspired the struggle of the oppressed masses of Ethiopia against feudalism, imperialism and bureaucrat-capitalism."

"Chairman Mao is one of the greatest revolutionaries of all times. That he stands alongside Marx, Engels and Lenin is proved by the heroic role he played in the great Chinese revolution and by the revolutionary

heritage he left behind for the oppressed peoples and the revolutionary forces of the world," it noted.

"As a revolutionary fighter, Chairman Mao was second to none. Following the examples set by Chairman Mao and strictly adhering to his teachings, the broad masses of the Chinese people have achieved commendably great gains. There is no doubt that the oppressed masses of Ethiopia will benefit from the laudable example set by Chairman Mao and from the vigilance the Chinese people have shown in their struggle against their enemies," the announcement said. "Since liberation, the people of China have made tremendous progress under the guidance of Chairman Mao's thoughts. In addition, China today serves as a shining example to the struggle of all the oppressed people against imperialism," it added.

"Although Chairman Mao is no more physically present with us, his teachings and fighting zeal will always remain a guiding star to all the oppressed and struggling masses of the world," the announcement stressed.

Statement by U.S. President Ford

U.S. President Gerald Ford issued a statement on September 9 on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The statement, read by President Ford for newsmen at the White House, said: "Chairman Mao was a giant figure in modern Chinese history. He was a leader whose actions profoundly affected the development of his country. His influence on history will extend far beyond the borders of China."

"Americans will remember that it was under Chairman Mao that China moved together with the United States to end a generation of hostility and to launch a new and more positive era in relations between our two countries. I am confident that the trend of improved relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States, which Chairman Mao helped create, will continue to contribute to world peace and stability."

The statement said: "On behalf of the United States Government and the American people I offer condolences to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China."

Statement by British Prime Minister's Office

The British Prime Minister's Office expressed great sorrow over the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung in a statement issued on September 9.

The statement said: "The news of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung has been received with great regret by the Prime Minister and his colleagues in the British Government. Chairman Mao was one of the outstanding leaders of this century and devoted himself wholeheartedly to China and the Chinese people. He

will be remembered as a man of great vision and as a thinker with a profound sense of history. China's position in the world today is a memorial to his unique achievements."

Message From President Pereira of Cape Verde

Aristides Pereira, General Secretary of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde and President of the Republic of Cape Verde, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng.

The message says: "In the name of the people of the Republic of Cape Verde, their Government, the fighters of the National Direction of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde and in my own name, I extend to the Chinese people, the People's Republic of China, the great Party and the Government of China our profound and sincere condolences on the sad and irreparable loss of the most respected Chairman Mao Tsetung, your great leader, exemplary fighter for the liberty of the peoples and statesman of world stature. His passing has deeply saddened us and all the peace- and freedom-loving peoples, but we believe that the valiant Chinese people always guided by your great Party will continue to carry on successfully the grandiose cause of the great deceased and consolidate the great victories achieved in the construction of your great country. While reaffirming the friendly solidarity of our people at this grievous moment experienced by the courageous Chinese people, I ask Your Excellency to accept our lofty and fraternal considerations."

Message From Prime Minister Pires Of Cape Verde

Pedro Pires, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng.

The message says: "On learning the sad news for the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese people and all the freedom-loving people, please allow me, in the name of the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde, the National Commission of Cape Verde of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, the Cape Verdian people and in my own name, to present sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people and the great fighter for the freedom of the peoples. We highly appreciate that the great victory of the Chinese people won under the wise leadership of Chairman Mao Tsetung has made a great contribution to the liberation struggle of the peoples. We are convinced that the Chinese people will surmount the immense sorrow with the same courage they always displayed in their struggle for freedom, national independence and progress."

Message From President Luis Cabral Of Council of State of Guinea-Bissau

Luis Cabral, Deputy General Secretary of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde and President of the Council of State, sent a message on September 10 to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, expressing deepest condolences and sympathy on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "It is with profound sorrow that we learnt of the death of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and founder of the People's Republic of China. In the demise of Comrade Mao Tsetung, the international working class, the friendly Chinese people and all the peoples cherishing peace and justice have lost a great fighter. China's liberation under the wise leadership of the mourned Comrade Mao Tsetung is no doubt a great contribution to the cause of the oppressed peoples of the third world." "We are deeply convinced that the relations of friendship, co-operation and solidarity between our two peoples will be further strengthened."

Message From Rwandan President Habyarimana

Major General Habyarimana Juvenal, President of the Republic of Rwanda and President and Founder of the National Revolutionary Movement for Development, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"We are shocked to learn of the regrettable demise of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. At this sorrowful moment, I, in the name of the Rwandan people rallying around the National Revolutionary Movement for Development and in my own name, extend to Your Excellency and all the friendly Chinese people our deepest condolences. The People's Republic of China and its friends have lost a great revolutionary militant whose great spirit and action will be engraved in their memory and go down in the annals of history."

Message From Somali President Siad

Mohamed Siad Barre, General Secretary of the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party and President of the Somali Democratic Republic, has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"I have learnt with great sorrow of the demise of the great leader of the People's Republic of China, Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. On behalf of the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party, Government and people and in my own name, I would like to

express our heartfelt condolences and regrets for having lost the father of China, the leader of the third world and a staunch supporter for the liberation of oppressed and colonized peoples in the world. The loss of Chairman Mao Tsetung is a great loss not only to China but also to the Somali Democratic Republic, to all the progressive and peace-loving peoples."

Message From President da Costa of Sao Tome and Principe

Manuel Pinto da Costa, General Secretary of the Liberation Movement of Sao Tome and Principe and President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, sent a message on September 10 to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The message says: "With extreme grief the people of our country learnt of the demise of the greatest revolutionary of this century. Please allow me, in the name of the Sao Tome and Principe people, the Political Bureau of the Liberation Movement of Sao Tome and Principe and in my own name, to express to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the entire Chinese people the most profound condolences on the demise of this great historic figure who not only built a powerful China but also provided the oppressed and exploited humanity with theoretical weapons to win liberation. His thought will continue to guide the people in their struggle against exploitation."

"Eternal glory to Chairman Mao Tsetung!"

Message From Cypriot President Makarios

Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng.

The message says: "It is with deep sorrow that I was informed of the death of the great leader of the People's Republic of China Chairman Mao Tsetung. With his philosophical thinking and his revolutionary spirit, Chairman Mao founded and shaped modern China, and by his work he won the place of a great leader in history. Chairman Mao was a figure of world radiance and his death is a loss not only for the people of China but also for the whole humanity. On behalf of the people of Cyprus, the Government and myself, please accept and convey to the people of the People's Republic of China my heartfelt condolences for the great loss resulting from the death of Chairman Mao."

Message From King Olav V of Norway

Olav V, King of Norway, sent a message on September 10 to the Standing Committee of the National

People's Congress, expressing sincerest condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Message From Norwegian Prime Minister Nordli

Odvar Nordli, Prime Minister of Norway, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"It is with deep sorrow that the Government of Norway has received the news of the passing away of the great old statesman Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. His tremendous achievement in the founding and development of the People's Republic of China has secured him an outstanding place in Chinese and world history. On behalf of the Government and the people of Norway I express to Your Excellency our most sincere condolences."

Message From King Juan Carlos of Spain

Juan Carlos, King of Spain, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, extending profound grief on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says: "As a result of his death, one of the most outstanding figures in the century has disappeared. He created a new China and placed her in an outstanding position in the world." "You may believe that at the sorrowful moment, we all sincerely share the grief of the Chinese people. I am sure too that the image of the late Chairman will serve for ever as the model and orientation for his people."

Message From Spanish Prime Minister Suarez

Adolfo Suarez, Prime Minister of the Government of Spain, sent a message on September 10 to Vice-Chairman Wu Teh of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, extending condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The message says that Chairman Mao Tsetung "is a great figure not only of your country but also of the whole world. His passing has evoked immense grief among the Chinese people and the Spanish people sincerely share with them this grief."

Message From Indonesian President Suharto

Suharto, President of the Republic of Indonesia, has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, ex-

tending most sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The message says:

"He will be remembered by the world as a statesman of historic stature who rendered his great service to the people and the state of the People's Republic of China."

Message From Panamanian Head of Government Torrijos

Omar Torrijos, Head of Government of Panama, sent a message to the Government of the People's Republic of China on September 9, expressing condolences on Chairman Mao Tsetung's passing. The message says:

"On account of the irreparable loss caused by the death of this great leader of the masses who was Chairman Mao Tsetung, I express to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China our feeling of solidarity in this hour of grief, not only for the Chinese people but also for all the peoples who struggle for their liberation.

"I always cherished the profound desire to have the honour to meet the architect of New China who knew how to give dignity to his people and to keep them from hunger.

"In Mao Tsetung, China gave to mankind one of its greatest men whose legacy will never perish."

Message From U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim

Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, sent a message on September 9 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"I have learnt with deep sorrow and sadness of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, who dedicated his whole life to the building of a new China. The courage and determination with which he accomplished his vision will continue to inspire future generations and will ensure that his place in the history of his people will be unique. His devoted leadership for more than half a century earned him the love of his people and the respect of the world. His untiring search for the achievement of better international understanding and world peace will always be remembered. Under his leadership China in the United Nations has joined with other nations in helping to create a better world for all. In fulfilling this task the world is now deprived of Chairman Mao's great wisdom and experience. On this very sad occasion I wish to express to Your Excellency and through you to the Government and to the people of China my heartfelt sympathy and condolences."

Statement by Former Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka

Former Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka made a statement on September 9 on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

He said: "Upon learning the sad news of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the representative of China, a neighbour which has been friendly to Japan for several thousand years, I was deeply grieved."

He continued: "In order to end decades of the unfortunate history of relations between Japan and China, I visited Peking as a representative of Japan. The resumption of diplomatic relations between Japan and China, a great event of historic significance, could not have been realized in a businesslike manner."

Tanaka recalled that it was Chairman Mao, the leader of New China and her 800 million people, who made the decision to lift the curtain on lasting peace between the two countries. "I think this is a great decision made not only in the interest of Japan and China but also of all mankind," he said.

Message From President Kerekou of Benin

Mathieu Kerekou, President of the Central Committee of the Party of the Popular Revolution of Benin and President of the People's Republic of Benin, has sent a message to 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, and the State Council of the People's Republic of China. The message says:

"The passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people, the world proletariat and the oppressed nations and people of the world, has evoked great sorrow and profound affliction among the Benin people. We hereby express to the friendly, great Chinese people, 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 our very sincere condolences and deep sympathy. The life of Chairman Mao Tsetung was a brilliant and inalterable example of hard work, persevering and unyielding struggle, clear-sightedness, shrewdness, ardent tenacity and revolutionary zeal in the service of the just cause of radical and complete liberation of the proletariat and the Chinese people, an example of discretion and modesty as well as of firmness in implementing the Marxist principle of proletarian internationalism and of constant and effective support to the struggle for the emancipation of the peoples of the third world. The Benin people under the leadership of their vanguard party, the Party of the Popular Revolution of Benin,

and together with the other revolutionary peoples, parties and movements of the world, will draw correct lessons from this exemplary life, turn grief into still more profound and consistent revolutionary actions, study and apply independently and in the spirit of responsibility the principles of Marxism-Leninism and the teachings of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Eternal glory to the glorious image of the venerable Chairman Mao, worthy son of progressive mankind! Eternal glory to the glorious image of the great proletarian leader Chairman Mao, venerable leader of the world proletariat and the oppressed nations and people of the world!

"Let's advance on the radiant path of October 1917 Revolution which was immortalized by Mao Tsetung, genius continuer of the imperishable revolutionary work of Marx, Engels and Lenin.

"Be prepared for the revolution!"

"The struggle continues!"

Message From Gambian President Jawara

Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, President of the Republic of the Gambia, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng which says:

"I have heard with profound regret and grief of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great and esteemed leader of the Communist Party of China and the people of the People's Republic of China. Chairman Mao Tsetung was undoubtedly one of the greatest leaders the world has ever had and his death must be a great shock and a tragic loss to the Chinese people. In view of the friendly relations existing between our two countries and of my own memories of Chairman Mao Tsetung, this great loss is deeply felt by me and the people of the Gambia. On my behalf and on behalf of the Government and people of the Gambia I extend to you and to the Government and people of China sincere condolences."

Message From Guyana President Arthur Chung

Arthur Chung, President of Guyana, has sent a message to Premier Hua Kuo-feng expressing his sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Message From President Bokassa of Central African Republic

Marshal Jean-Bedel Bokassa, President of the Central African Council of Revolution and Life President

of the Republic of Central Africa, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng expressing the most profound and sorrowful condolences on Chairman Mao Tsetung's passing.

The message says: "We share the deep sorrow with the glorious and friendly people of the People's Republic of China for the disappearance of this illustrious and prestigious statesman whose unparalleled fine qualities, great clear-sightedness, devotion and wisdom have contributed to the liberation of his country and gave his people the place which should belong to them in history. Chairman Mao Tsetung has passed away, he was not only one of the greatest strategists and heroes of modern times who made constant and untiring efforts to contribute to the liberation of the third world countries, but also one of the most indefectible statesmen devoted to the cause of peace and justice.

"I am convinced that the courage which the heroic and friendly people of the People's Republic of China have always displayed on the other occasions will help them restrain their sorrow which is sincerely felt by the people of the Central African Republic."

Message From Icelandic President Kristjan Eldjarn

Kristjan Eldjarn, President of Iceland, sent a message on September 10 to the State Council of the People's Republic of China which says:

"On the occasion of the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great and beloved leader of the Chinese people, please accept my most sincere condolences and those of the people of Iceland."

Message From Surinam President Ferrier

Dr. Johan H. Ferrier, President of the Republic of Surinam, sent a message on September 10 to the Government of the People's Republic of China, extending sincere condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Message From Sudanese Vice-President and Prime Minister Bakr

Rashid el Tahir Bakr, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng, which says:

"With deep sorrow we have learnt of the sad news of the passing away of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the supreme revolutionary leader of the Chinese people, leader of the creative socialist movement and a great man of thought whose ideas and philosophy have not

only left everlasting effects on the whole of mankind but have also inspired man to mediate on the universe and his social conditions. With his contribution the Chinese people have become both in theory and practice among the most prominent and highly esteemed nations of the world. Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese people he led have demonstrated to the world the ability of human will to create, maintain and promote decent living conditions in pursuance of the truth and in response to the call of duty within the confines of reason.

"Motivated by this constructive experience I send you our deepest condolences. The world as a whole has lost a unique leader and a rare hero."

Message From President Gligorov of Yugoslav Federal Assembly

Kiro Gligorov, President of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, sent a message on September 10 to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, which says:

"It was with sorrow that we received the news on the demise of Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, leader of the great Chinese socialist revolution and indefatigable fighter for the construction of modern China who devoted all of his life to the struggle for the better future of his people. By the death of Chairman Mao, the Chinese people have lost their greatest son and the world lost a personality of undeniable historic significance.

"On behalf of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and in my own name I ask you to accept our most profound condolences."

Message From President Bijedic of Yugoslav Federal Executive Council

Dzermal Bijedic, President of the Federal Executive Council of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, sent a message on September 10 to Premier Hua Kuo-feng which says:

"On the passing away of Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, an outstanding revolutionary and great leader of the Chinese people, may I, on behalf of the Federal Executive Council of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and in my own name, extend our deepest and most sincere condolences.

"Chairman Mao Tsetung has made his great contribution to the promotion of all-round co-operation between the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the People's Republic of China, which, I am confident, will continue to strengthen between the peoples of our two countries."

(To be continued.)