

HUA KUO-FENG

A Biography of the Chairman of the Communist Party of China, as Based on the Latest Publications

Ever since Hua Kuo-feng was elected Chairman of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese press has published a lot of material on him. The hard facts from this material (and the relevant recent sources) have been included in his life story as already known, and are presented in the following article.

	Hua was born in either 1920 or 1921 (1) to a poor peasant's family in Chiaocheng county (2), Shansi province. While he was a child, his family fled to North Shensi to escape from natural disaster (3). When the Communist combat units came to this region after the "Long March" in 1936, Hua "forthwith joined Revolution" (3), i.e. he became a soldier in the Red Army at the age of 15.				
1949, Aug.	Hua was appointed CCP secretary of Hsiangyin county, Hunan province (4). It was under his guidance that the local land reform was carried out "very quietly" (5).		1964		Kuangtung province to attend a symposium on problems of agricultural production (10). Hua led "investigations" in Lingsien county (the location of the Shuikou pass which Mao Tse-tung had conquered three times in 1927) (11).
1951, June	Appointment to the post of CCP secretary in Hsiangtan district of Hunan province (6).		Sep		Hua was elected deputy to the Third National People's Congress for Hunan province.
1955	In the campaign to encourage the establishment of cooperatives in rural areas, Hsiangtan became the leading district in Hunan province (by March 1955, 12,000 agricultural production cooperatives had been founded all over the province, 40 per cent. of them in Hsiangtan county (6)).		1966, June		Completion of the Shaoshan irrigation project under Hua's guidance (12)
1956	Hua was in charge of a great irrigation project in Shaoshan, Mao Tse-tung's place of birth. It was planned that the project should cover 66,000 hectares of arable land (7). In 1959, however, due to the "intervention of Liu Shao-ch'i's right deviationist policy", the project was discontinued and not resumed until 1965 (8).		1967, July		At Chou En-lai's proposal, Hua took part in the Preparatory Meeting for the Foundation of Revolutionary Committees in Hunan province (4).
Aug	Identified as member of the Standing Committee of Hunan Province's Party Committee		Sep		Together with other members of the Preparatory Committee for the Foundation of Revolutionary Committees in Hunan province, Hua was received by Mao Tse-tung in Changsha.
Oct	Identified as director of the Board of Culture and Education in the Hunan provincial government.		1968, April		On foundation of the Hunan Revolutionary Committee, Hua was elected its vice-chairman, a post he retained until July 1970.
1958, July	Identified as alternate member of the secretariat of the CCP in Hunan province		1969, April		Hua was elected member of the CCP Central Committee by the 9th Party Congress (in 1970 his membership was confirmed by the 10th Party Congress). In April 1969, too, the construction of a mausoleum for Yang K'ai-hui, Mao's first wife, was begun "with the powerful assistance of Hua" (13).
1959, Oct	At Mao Tse-tung's proposal, Hua was elected Party secretary of Hunan province (4).		1970, Ju ly		Identified as acting chairman of the Hunan Revolutionary Committee (until about 1974).
1961 (?)	During an inspection tour in Hunan province, Mao Tse-tung met with Hua, "listened twice to his report on Maotien, and held him in high esteem" (6). (In Maotien a project for the "reconstruction of nature" was then being carried out).		Dec		Hunan was the first province to elect a new Party Committee after the Cultural Revolution. Hua became its first secretary.
1963	Hua paid a visit to the drought-stricken Changshou people's commune in Pingchiang county (9).		1971, May		Hua was transferred to Peking. According to unconfirmed reports, he soon became the secretary-general of a special group commission to investigate Lin Piao's case and prosecute his associates.
Oct	Hua led a Hunan province Party delegation to		Ju ly		Hua inspected Hsinchien county in Kiangsi province (14) and the Fukien front
			1972, Nov		Identified as political commissar of the Canton Military District (until about 1974).
			1973, Feb		Identified as first political commissar of the Hunan Military District (until about 1974).
			Aug		Elected member of the Politburo of the CCP

1975, Jan by the 10th Party Congress
Elected vice premier and minister of public security by the Fourth National People's Congress

1976, Feb Identified as acting prime minister
April Identified as prime minister and first vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the CCP

Oct Identified as chairman of the Central Committee of the CCP and as chairman of the Central Committee's Military Council

- 1) According to NCNA of Feb 1, 1977, Hua was 28 years old when Hsiangyin hsien was liberated in August 1949 (hence it can be concluded that he was born some time between September 1920 and August 1921)
- 2) AFP Nov 1, 1976
- 3) Ch'i-shih Nien-tai, Hong Kong, Nov 1976
- 4) NCNA Feb 1, 1977
- 5) Changsha Radio, Dec 21, 1976, as cit. SWB 5398
- 6) PR Mar 1, 1977
- 7) NCNA Nov 30, 1976; PR Nov 30, 1976
- 8) NCNA Feb 2, 1977
- 9) NCNA Nov 21, 1976
- 10) NCNA Nov 30, 1976
- 11) PR Nov 30, 1976
- 12) Nov 9, 1976
- 13) NCNA Dec 9, 1976
- 14) Nanchang Radio Dec 13, 1976, as cited SWB 5398
- 15) Fuchou Radio, Dec 8, 1976, as cited SWB 5398
- 16) Peking Radio, Jan 22, 1976
- 17) Ta Kung Pao, Hong Kong

DETAILS ON HUA KUO-FENG'S FAMILY

Hua has four children who all went to primary school in Chungshan Street, Changsha, during the time they lived in Hunan province (16). Hua's youngest daughter Hsiao-li passed her matriculation examination in the No.166 Middle School of Peking (17), and has since been one of the "educated young people" to work in the Hsüchiawu production brigade in Pingku county in the outskirts of Peking.



Agreements with Foreign Countries

FEBRUARY 1977

February 1	ALBANIA	Protocol on goods exchange and payments in 1977 (1); protocol on the use of the Chinese loan provided to Albania (1)
2	ARGENTINA	Trade agreement (2)
4	MALI	Minutes of talks on the construction of four water conservancy projects (3)
5	KOREA, DPR	Protocol on the 17th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Cooperation Committee(4)
8	KOREA, DPR	Protocol of the 29th meeting of the board of directors of the China-Korea Yalu River Hydro-Electric Power Company (5)
17	LIBERIA	Joint communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations (6); agreement on economic and technical cooperation (6)
25	TUNISIA	Exchange of letters concerning an additional credit by China for the Medjerdah - Cape Bone Canal Project (7)

(1) NCNA Feb 1, 1977 (2) NCNA Feb 3, 1977 (3) NCNA Feb 6, 1977 (4) NCNA Feb 5, 1977 (5) NCNA Feb 8, 1977 (6) NCNA Feb 21, 1977 (7) NCNA Feb 26, 1977

Foreign Delegations to China

FEBRUARY 1977

State/Region	Time of Visit	Kind of Delegation	Leader's Name	Leader's Position and Other Details
Albania	Feb 21-	ship's crew	Resmi Shameti	captain of "Tirana's" first voyage to China
Algeria	Feb 24-	exhibition del.	Messpoud Benikhlef	for Economic Achievements exhib. in Peking
Austria	Feb 23-	scientists' del.	Erich Schmid	received by Fang Yi, vice-pres., Acad.of Sciences
Cuba	Feb 4-	gov. trade del.	Ismael Bello	dep. director of foreign trade
Denmark	Feb 23-	university professor	Erling Bjoel	dir., Internat.Dept.of Polit.School, Århus Univ.
Great Britain	(Feb 5)	writer	Han Suyin	received by Yeh Chien-ying
Italy	Jan 28-Feb 18	Marxist-Leninists	Oswaldo Pesce	-
Japan	Jan 31-	friendship del.	Tetsu Kinugasa	mayor of Akashi city and 21 citizens
	Feb 1-14	ice hockey del.	Kenichi Chizuka	-
	Feb 2-6	economic mission	Yoshihiro Inayama	president, Japan-China Assn. for Econ.& Trade
	Feb 2-	journalists	Isao Hirano	manag. editor of "Mainichi Shimbun"
	Feb 3-	friendship del.	Hideaki Notsu	of various circles from Tottori prefecture
	Feb 4-	mass del.	Ko Soyama	vice-governor of Kanawaga prefecture
	Feb 4-	ballet troupe leader	Masao Shimizu	head of the Matsuyama ballet
	Feb 11-	scientific del.	Hiroo Inokuchi	molecular crystal del.
	Feb 13-	parliamentarians	Haruo Okada	Jap.Socialist Party member of Diet
	Feb 22-	friendship del.	Teruaki Sakato	activists of Japan-China friendship
	Feb 23-	local governm.off.	Ichiro Mizumura	city assemblies of Metropolitan Tokyo
	Feb 24-	calligraphers' del.	Joteki Bai	-
	Feb 25-	young workers'del.	Makoto Ichikawa	senior member of Council for J-Ch friendship
Korea, DPR	(Feb 5)	scientific del.	Kim Yu Gun	vice-minister of chemical industries
	Feb 5-	stopover (milit.del.)	O Jin U	minister of Korean Armed Forces, from Pakistan
Laos	-Feb 2	table-tennis group	Sangthon Sang-Outhai	after three years of study in Peking
Sri Lanka	Feb 12-	tourist officials	Dharmasiri Senanayake	chairman of Ceylon Tourist Board
USA	Feb 16-Mar 3	physicist	Dr.Li Cheng-tao	of Chinese origin, received by Hua Kuo-feng
Vietnam	Feb 4-	economists	Nguyen Chanh	vice-minister of foreign trade of SR Vietnam
Yemen, PDR(South)	Feb 3-	government del.	M. Saleh Mutie	foreign minister
Zambia	Feb 28-	bank del.	L.J.Mwananshiku	governor of the Bank of Zambia

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Afghanistan	-Feb 12	textile techn. team	Chang Li-yeh	on completion of Bagrami mill mission
Bangladesh	Feb 8-18	table-tennis del.	Wang Wen-chung	youth team
Botswana	Feb 18-28	football del.	Li Ta-wei	national team (24 members)
Burma	Feb 3-14	press del.	Fan Fa-yüan	editor-in-chief of Hsinhua Daily
	Feb 5-11	friendly visit	Teng Ying-chao	vice-pres., Stand.Cttee. of NPC, Chou En-lai's w
Cambodia	(Feb 4)	correspondents	?	to visit salt production field
Equatorial Guinea	(Feb 5)	highway techn.team	Liu Wei	died in an accident during work (mourn.cerem)
Ghana	Feb 17-Mar 1	wushu del.	Pai Ping	-
Hong Kong	Feb 22-	badminton official	Chu Tse	of the All-China Sports Federation
	Feb 19-Mar 1	badminton team	Liao Chih-hua	of the Kuangtung branch of the All-China Spo
	-Feb 16	chess players	Tseng Chao-sheng	-
Iran	Feb 20-Mar 5	PLA cadre	Han Fu-tung	dep.dir., Military Training Div.of Gen.Staff HO
Liberia	Feb 15-23	goodwill del.	Tsung Ke-wen	Chinese ambassador to Sierra Leone
Macao	-Feb 16	chess players	Tseng Chao-sheng	home from Manila tournament
Pakistan	Feb 21-28	government del.	Hsu Pin-chou	vice-min. of First Min. of Machine-Building
Sri Lanka	Feb 22-Mar 7	PLA del.	Ho Cheng-wen	dep. Chief of General Staff
Thailand	Feb 16-Mar 6	wushu & acrogymn.	Wei Ming	and 40 members
Togo	(Feb 27)	medical team	?	outgoing first batch of med. workers

ARTICLES IN THE CHINESE PRESS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

February	Heading of Article	published in			Cited from Foreign Press in	
		NCNA	JMJP	Peking Review	Country	Press Organ
1	Visit of Soviet Vice-Minister to Egypt Again Put Off Increased Price for Soviet Oil to the East European Countries Soviet Arms Expansion The Subtle Purposes of the Theory of 'Maritime Detente'	X	X			
2	British Admiral Urges Vigilance Against Soviet Naval Expansion Danish Defence Minister Urges Stronger Defence to Cope with Soviet Military Threat Russian "Negotiations" - A Bait to Entrap Brezhnev's Lottery Business Discrimination of Racial Minorities	X	X			
3	Soviet Attempt to Dominate Europe Australian Students Condemn Soviet Expansion in Indian Ocean Soviet Sham Detente, Real Arms Expansion Criticized by British Politicians	X	X		France	Le Quotidien du Peuple
4	Soviet Unilateral Declaration on Exclusive Maritime Zones Dondemned It's Deeds, Not Words, That Count Japanese Fishermens' Protest Against the Intrusion into Japanese Coastal Waters of a SU Ship	X	X		Japan	(press organs)
5	Soviet Ship's Piracy Protested Soviet Military Planes Threaten Japanese Planes Soviet Union Requests Higher Price for Frozen Fish Exported to Egypt Soviet Military Build-Up at Murmansk SU's Forcible Occupation of Japan's Northern Territories	X	X		Japan	Yomiuri Shimbun
					USA	Los Angeles Times
					Japan	(press organs)
6	Tass Makes a Slip (Yuri Kornilov: Fears of Soviet Military Superiority Are Unfounded) Invalid Definition (SU's Propaganda Offensive on Improvement of SU-US Relations) Soviet-US Military Parity	X	X			
7	Soviet Warships in Japanese Waters	X	X		Japan	Asahi Shimbun
8	High Soviet Prices Aggravate East Germany's Economic Difficulties Im RGW häufen sich die Schwierigkeiten Abfuhr der SU im Mittleren Osten (Rückblick auf 1976) Worte und Taten der neuen Zaren sind zweierlei Soviet Threat Against Arab Security Soviet High-Handedness Plus Profiteering (on Pravda's remarks on Egypt's Open-Door Pol) Increasing Soviet Activities Cause Worry in Norway	X	X		Tunisia	Le Temps
					Norway	Aftenposten
9	Western Alertness Against Soviet Surprise Attack US Senator Warns Against Soviet Surprise Attack US Takes Retaliatory Action Against Soviet Expulsion of American Correspondent Commander of US Naval Forces in Pacific on Soviet Growing Naval Strength	X	X		Great Britain	The Daily Telegraph NATO Review
10	Norway under Constant Soviet Threat Rising Prices of Soviet Raw Materials Bring Difficulties to East Germany Return of Northern Territories Urged in Japan Denouncement of Soviet Poachers (SU Fishing Vessels in European Waters) Ivan-Style Quarrel (on SU-US Human Rights Disputes)	X	X		USA	Los Angeles Times
					France	L'Humanite Rouge
11	West German MP Urges Stronger Western Defence to Cope with Soviet Threat Soviet Interference in Egyptian Internal Affairs Condemned	X	X		Egypt	Al-Ahram
12	Fascist Oppression in the USSR	X	X		Greece	Laikos Dromos
13	Cold Wind from Moscow (SU's Interference in Cyprus) What Is Behind Moscow's High-Sounding Words? (Exposition of expansionist ambitions) SU Urged to Sign Additional Protocol Two to Tlatelolco Treaty Soviet Intervention (in Bangladesh)	X	X		Bangladesh	Saturday Post
14	West German Public Figures Stress Need of Stronger Defence Against Soviet Threat USSR Trading with Rhodesia Soviet Military Expansion in Mediterranean	X	X		Great Britain	Guardian
					Turkey	Anatolian Press Agency
15	Moscow's Propaganda Barrage over US-USSR Relations The Kremlin's Angry Glare and Wary Smile Stalling or Obstinate Resistance - Soviet Stand Toward Tlatelolco Treaty Soviet Hypocrisy over Military Spending Auf der Hut vor Moskaus Schifffahrtsexpansion Moskaus Rückschläge in der Frage der Friedenszone des Indischen Ozeans Soviet Spy Forced to Quit UN The US Controversy over Detente with the USSR	X	X		USA	Washington Star
16	Soviet Policy of Aggression, Expansion EEC Warns SU Against Illegal Fishing in EEC Fishing Zone	X	X		Kenya	Weekly Review

17	Soviet Establishment of 200-Miles' Exclusive Maritime Zone Condemned A "Good Neighbour" Indeed! (The Soviet-Finnish Relations)		Japan	Present-Day Asia
18	Condemnation of Soviet Maritime Zone Declaration Bulgarian Public Disgruntled by Moscow-Enforced "Integration"		Japan	Present-Day Asia
19	New Tsars' Domination Is Unstable The SU and US Engage in Unbridled Nuclear Arms Expansion...		Japan	Rono Senbo
20	Intensified Soviet Plunder of Eastern Europe Soviet Spy Expelled from France For What Moscow Has Expended Tremendous Effort? (on SU's arms expansion) Expulsion of Soviet Spy from France		Great Britain	Class Struggle
21	Japanese Exhibition on Soviet-Held Islands Mental Homes Become Tool for Oppression of Soviet People Friend and Foe (exposition of Soviet plunder) Moscow's 100 per cent. Hegemonic Logic The Overseas Tour of the New Vice-President of the US (Soviet reaction) Adulteration of Soviet Oil for China		Egypt	Al Akhbar
22	Concern over Soviet Military Build-Up Soviet Spy Ship Intrudes Into Swedish Waters Rebuttal of Soviet Attack Against Egypt Nicht für die Rüstungsüberlegenheit? Wachsende Sorgen der westlichen Gläubiger Moskau treibt den Ölpreis wieder hoch		Canada	The Financial Post
23	Soviet "Spirit" of Rivalry for Hegemony "Pravda" venomously Attacks Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Soviet Union Reaps Huge Profits by Raising Energy Prices Soviet Revisionists' Rehabilitation of Bakunin and Plekhanov		Egypt	Al Akhbar
24	Soviet Spy Expelled from Canada Egyptian Paper Condemns Soviet Slander on Egypt What Does the Drawing Together of Peoples in the SU Represent ?		Egypt	Al Ahram
25	Beware of Pickpocket; Comment on Social-Imperialism's Attempts in Caribbean Region The USSR's Multinational Companies SU Buys Lead for Military Purposes Japanese Official Rejects Soviet Fishing Zone Claim Just Voice of Red Sea Countries		Italy	Il Popolo
26	No Peace in the South Pacific Comment on Soviet Fishing Zones in the Pacific and Arctic Oceans Japanese Protest Against SU's Inclusion of 4 Northern islands into New Fishing Zone Soviet Government Resolution on Preservation of Marine Resources Japanese Papers Condemn Soviet Inclusion of Japanese Waters Its Fishing Zone		Japan	Kyodo
27	"Cooperation" or Contention? (Relationship between SU and US) Greek Newspaper Exposes Soviet Aggressive Policy Such Good-Neighbourly Relations (Relations between SU and Finland)		Japan	Asahi Shimbun et al
28	New Zealanders' Protest Against Soviet Fleet Intrusion Absurd Champion of "Human Rights" (on dissidents in the SU) Japanese Workers Urge Soviet Cancellation of 200-Mile Fishing Zone		Greece	Laikos Dromos
			New Zealand	Evening Post

China's Economic Aid

FEBRUARY 1977

AFGHANISTAN

A Chinese textile technical team accomplished its task at the Bagrami textile mill and left the country on February 12, 1977 (NCNA Feb 15, 1977).

LAOS

The Chinese friendship printing house, constructed with Chinese aid, was handed over to the Oudomsay Administrative Committee on January 22, 1976 (KPL Feb 6, 1977; cit. SWB/W 917).

LIBERIA

An agreement on economic and technical cooperation between the PR China and Liberia was signed on February 17, 1977 (NCNA Feb 22, 1977).

MALI

The Sikasso agricultural machine-repairing workshop was handed over on February 11, 1977. The equipment of the workshop was financed from Chinese contributions. The construction work started in March 1975 and was completed in December 1976 (NCNA Feb 13, 1977). The workshop was built by China, in accordance with the agreement signed by the Chinese Ministry of Economic Relations with Foreign Countries and the UN Organization for Industrial Development (NCNA Feb 14, 1977).

The minutes of the meeting on China's assistance to Mali in building four water conservancy projects on the state farm "Office of Niger" were signed on February 4, 1977 (NCNA Feb 6, 1977).

NEPAL

The Kathmandu-Bhaktapur trolley-bus line which was inaugurated in December 1975 carries some 7,000 passengers a day.

NIGER

The Saga reclamation area, a mainly rice-growing farm which was built with Chinese assistance, was handed over on February 24, 1977.

Another reclamation project is under way about 20 km south-east of Niamey. This project named Kolo - also a mainly rice-growing farm - was started in September 1975. Since then, a pumping station, a 2,400m trunk canal and a 1,600m dam have been built (NCNA Feb 1, 1977).

PAKISTAN

A heavy foundry and forge was inaugurated on February 24, 1977, in Taxila. Its location is beside its sister plant, the Taxila heavy machinery complex, which was inaugurated in 1971. The heavy foundry and forge complex comprises six major workshops, including a steel foundry, iron-casting foundry, forging and pressing shops which turn out different kinds of forgings and castings for the Taxila heavy machinery complex and other machine-building plants of the country. The construction of the heavy foundry and forge complex was begun at the end of 1971 (NCNA Feb 24, 1977).

SUDAN

A Chinese geological team has been prospecting for chromite since 1974, and achieved marked results (NCNA Feb 21, 1977).

TUNISIA

The PR China and Tunisia have exchanged letters concerning the additional credit according to Tunisia for the Medjerdah - Cape Bone canal project (NCNA Feb 25, 1977).

VIETNAM, Socialist Republic

Chinese experts are helping to restore and build the Thai Nguyen iron and steel complex (Hanoi Radio, Feb 20, 1977; cit. SWB/W 918).

ZAIRE

A Chinese delegation was received in Zaire on February 4 to discuss scientific co-operation, particularly the installation of an electron microscope presented by China (ME/W 916).

Personal Data

Known Cadres on New Posts

AN P'ING-SHENG 安平生

Nominated first secretary of the Yünnan Party Committee; chairman of the Yünnan Revolutionary Committee; first political commissar of Yünnan Military District; and first Party secretary of Kunming Military Region (Kunming Radio, Feb 12, 1977).

An had "grown up" in the Kuangsi Autonomous Region. Before the Cultural Revolution he had been a vice-governor and Party secretary. He was one of the few provincial cadres not purged during the Cultural Revolution, and eventually succeeded Wei Kuo-ch'ing on the posts of first Party secretary and chairman of the Kuangsi Revolutionary Committee. In August 1973 An was also elected member of the 10th Central Committee of the CCP.

CHANG CHIH-HSIU 张铨秀

Identified as Party secretary of the Yünnan Party Committee and vice-chairman of the Yünnan Revolutionary Committee (Kunming Radio, Feb 12, 1977).

Chang, a major-general, had been mainly on military posts before the Cultural Revolution. Deputy commander of the Tsinan Military Region until 1971, he became secretary of the Hupei Provincial Party Committee in April 1971, a post he continued to hold until he was made deputy commander of Kunming Military Region in the autumn of 1975 (which he seems to be still).

CHANG HAI-T'ANG 张海棠

Identified as vice-chairman of the Yünnan Revolutionary Committee and as member of the Standing Committee of the Yünnan Party Committee (Kunming Radio, Feb 12, 1977).

Chang was commander of the Liaoning Military District before November 1975 when he was appointed commander of the Yünnan Military District.

CHAO HSING-CHIH 赵行志

Identified as vice-chairman of the Shanghai Revolutionary Committee and as member of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Party Committee (NCNA Feb 7; Shanghai Radio, Feb 17, 1977).

Chao used to serve as a diplomat: He was consul-general in Geneva from 1963 until 1966, ambassador to Cameroon from

1971 until 1974, and ambassador to Iraq from 1974 until November 1976.

CH'EN P'I-HSIEN 陈正显

Identified as secretary of the Yünnan Party Committee and as vice-chairman of the Yünnan Revolutionary Committee (Kunming Radio, Feb 12, 1977).

Before the Cultural Revolution Ch'en had been first secretary of the Shanghai Party Committee, secretary of the East China Bureau in the Central Committee of the CCP, and alternate member of the Central Committee (since 1958). In May 1967 he was purged and a meeting in which he was exposed to public criticism was shown in the Chinese television programme

CHIAO HSIAO-KUANG 乔晓

Nominated first secretary of the Kuangsi Party Committee and chairman of the Kuangsi Revolutionary Committee (Nanchang Radio, Feb 16, 1977).

Chiao has succeeded An P'ing-sheng in these posts. Before having been identified as cadre of the Kuangsi Autonomous Region in the sixties, Chiao was second Party secretary and vice-chairman of the Kuangsi Revolutionary Committee.

LIU HSIANG-SAN 刘向三

Identified as vice-minister in the Ministry of Water Conservancy and Power (NCNA Feb 10, 1977).

Liu was reactivated in 1975. In the fifties had been a vice-minister of the coal industry.

MA HSÜ-SHENG 马叙生

Identified as vice-director of the Department for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in the Foreign Ministry (NCNA Feb 23, 1977).

Ma was charge d'affaires in the Chinese embassy in Romania in 1968 and 1969.

TUAN CHÜN-YI 段君毅

Identified as minister of railways (NCNA Feb 20, 1977).

Tuan was reactivated after the Cultural Revolution in August 1973 when he was elected member of the 10th Central Committee of the CCP. From 1952 until 1960 he had been vice-minister of the First Ministry of Machine-Building, from 1960 until the Cultural Revolution he was minister in the same ministry.

TUAN SZU-YING 段思英

Identified as deputy political commissar of the Chengtu Military Region (Chengtu Radio, Feb 15, 1977).
Tuan had been reactivated no more than one month before. In the sixties he had served in Kunming Military Region. His military rank is that of major-general.

WANG LE-TIEN 王永天

Identified as vice-director of the PLA's Armament Department (NCNA Feb 22, 1977).
Wang has been known as a "leading cadre" since 1974.

YU KUEI-MIN

Identified as vice-chairman of the Kansu Revolutionary Committee (Lanchou Radio, Feb 7, 1977).

Yu has been secretary of the Kansu Party Committee since April 1976.

YÜ KUANG-MAO 俞光茂

Identified as deputy secretary of the Anhui Party Committee (Hofei Radio Feb 15, 1977).

Yü has been commander of Anhui Military District since April 1976, after having served as a vice-commander for some time.

Deceased Cadres

HAN TSUNG-CHENG 韩宗正

Died on February 21, 1977 (NCNA Feb 26, 1977).

Han had been vice-minister in the Ministry of Economic Relations with Foreign Countries since 1971.

LIANG CHI-CH'ING 梁辑卿

Died in February 1977 (Hofei Radio, Feb 14, 1977).

Liang was secretary of the Anhui Party Committee and second political commissar of the Anhui Military District (see also Ü No. in this C.a. number).

Changes in the Diplomatic Service

TSENG T'AO 曾涛

Recalled from his post as ambassador to France (NCNA Feb 9, 1977).

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS

New Ambassadors

IRAN	Mahmud Esfandiary	NCNA Feb 11, 1977
NEPAL	K.B. Rana	NCNA Feb 2, 1977

Ambassadors Recalled

Peru	Cesar Espejo Romero	NCNA Feb 26, 1977
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