

Agreements with foreign countries

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Jan 3	BULGARIA	Agreement on goods exchange and payments (1)
Jan 13	ALGERIA	Protocol on payments and trade exchanges (2)
Jan 14	KOREA, DPR	Agreement on border river transport (3)
Jan 17	NIGERIA	Protocol on economic and technical cooperation (subject: development of three rice projects in Nigeria) (4)
Jan 19	POLAND	Agreement on goods exchange and payments in 1976 (5)
Jan 24	ALGERIA	Three protocols on economic and technical cooperation (subjects: silkworms breeding; popularizing grain and market garden production; fish-breeding centre)(6)
Jan 28	SRI LANKA	Loan agreement (China provides an interest-free loan of Rupees 22.9 m.) (7)
Jan 29	ROMANIA	Long-term trade agreement for 1976-1980. Protocol for goods exchange and payments in 1976 (8)

(1) NCNA Jan 3, 1976 (2) SWB/ME/W861 (3) NCNA Jan 14, 1976 (4) SWB/ME/W862 (5) NCNA Jan 19, 1976

(6) SWB/ME/W 863 (7) SWB 5121 (8) NCNA Jan. 29, 1976

Delegations to foreign countries

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State/Region	Time of Visit	Kind of Delegation	Leader's Name	Leader's Position and Other Details
Algeria	Jan 10-13	governm.trade del.	Chen Chieh	Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade
Bulgaria	Jan 2-9	governm.trade del.	Chen Chieh	Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade
Cameroon	Jan 21-27	sports official	Chou Cheng	representative of All-China Sports Federation
Ghana	Jan 13-	trade del.	Kuo Feng-heng	head of Chin. pavilion at Accra Trade Fair
Iran	-Jan 20	study group	Sun Shu-cheng	from the Chinese Academy of Sciences
Italy	Jan 18-29	speed skaters	Wang Feng-hsiang	youth speed skating team
Japan	Jan 16-	volleyball team	Chang Chien	to attend Asian Volleyb.Congress in Tokyo
	Jan 20-	automob.engineers	Jen Chung-hao	to study the Jap.motor vehicle ind. (Toyota)
Korea, DPR	Jan 6-8	power del.	Chou Hua-min	Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade, opening pipeline
Mexico	Jan 14-21	table-tennis del.	Hsu Yin-sheng	to Prep.Meeting of As-Afr-Lat.Am. Games
Niger	(Jan 19)	medical workers	Hu Jih-huan	deputy team leader
Romania	Jan 16-Feb 4	table-tennis team	Chang Hsieh-lin	-
Vietnam, DR	Jan 15-21	friendship del.	Tsui Chin-tsai	Vice-Chairman of Kueilin Municipal Rev.Committee

to INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

UN Development Council, 21st session, New York	Jan 9-		Wu Hsing	alternate representative of the Chinese delegation
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Foreign delegations to China

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Australia	-Jan 23	students&staff friend	Prof.Connell	of the Education Faculty, Sydney University
Burma	Jan 29-	Commun.Party del.	Dr.Robert H.Frater	radio astronomer of Sydney University
Canada	Jan 25	speed skaters	Thakin Ba Thein Tin	Chairman of the Central Committee of CPB
East Timor	Jan 6-	Fretilin del.	Rene Marleau	youth team
Germany, Fed.R.	January	Fretilin del.	Jose Ramos Horta	Fretilin spokesman on foreign affairs
Iraq	Jan 11-	banking del.	Ludwig Poullain	Chairman of Manag.Comm.,Westdt.Bank,Girozentrale
Iraq	Jan 12-Feb 3	youth del.	A.Kanim al-Mulla	President of Iraqi Youth Fed., Under-Secr.of State
Japan	Jan 5-	economic del.	Chuji Kuno	MP and ex-Min.of Post and Telecommunications
	Jan 9-	trade unionists	Yoshimitsu Murakami	activists of the Nat.Union of Railway Trade Unions
	Jan 12-22	Party del.	Shoichi Shimodaira	Chairman of Spec.Committee of JSP
	Jan 16-	activists	Yoshio Moriya	of the Japan-China Agricult.and Peas.Exch.Assn.
	Jan 16,	friendship group	Misao Oosawa	from Saitama Prefecture
	Jan 18-22	economic del.	Yoshihiro Inayama	Chairman of Jap-China Econ.and Trade Assn.
	Jan 19-23	friendship del.	Koji Ito	youth wing of Aichi Pref.Friendship Association
Korea, DPR	Jan 3-5	power del.	Han Su-gil	Vice-Min.of Foreign Trade, opening new pipeline
	Jan 8-19	telecommunic.del.	Kim Hak-sop	Minister of Communications
	-Jan 26	power del.	Yi Chung-song	Korean Chairm.of Yalu River Hydroel.Power Corp.
	Jan 27-	basketball team	Kim Tae-yon	DPRK's women's team
Malaysia	Jan 6-	rice expert	Mohamed Sopie	Chairman of National Rice Board
Malta	Jan 25-27	governm.del.	Joseph Cassar	Minister of Education and Culture
Poland	Jan 18-23	governm.trade del.	Stanislaw Dlugosz	Dep.Prime Minister and Min.of Foreign Trade
Romania	Jan 25-	governm.trade del.	Ion Patan	Dep.Prime Minister and Min.of Foreign Trade
Vietnam, DR	Jan 18-	stopover	Gen.VoNguyen Giap	Vice-Premier, member of Politburo of VWP CC

Personal data

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Known Cadres on New Posts

The four changes specified below seem to confirm our assumption that a reshuffle in the military leadership of the PR China is now in progress with the object of taking leading military cadres out of their involvement in the Party and administration leadership (in this connection see C.a.1976/1 Ü14).

CHAO TZU-YANG

Identified as 1st CCP Secretary and Chairman of Szechuan Province's Revolutionary Committee and also as 1st Political Commissar in the Chengtu Military Region (Chengtu Radio, Jan 28, 1976).

Chao, who had been 1st CCP Secretary and Chairman of Kuangtung Province's Revolutionary Committee until October 1975, had to make way for Wei Kuo-ch'ing who was then transferred to those posts. The fact that Chao has now been called to Szechuan Province seems to indicate new movements in the hierarchy of that province, too (see Ch'in Chi-wei and Liung Hsing-yüan).

CH'IN CHI-WEI

has ceased to be commander of the Chengtu Military Region and was replaced in that position by Liu Hsing-yüan (see below).

HSIN CHÜN-CHIH

Identified as Commander of Kiangsi Military District (Radio Nanchang, Jan 2, 1976).

Before taking up his new appointment, Hsin had been Commander of the Hupei Military District, as well as Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee and member of the Standing Committee of the CCP in Hupei Province.

LIU HSING-YÜAN

Identified as Commander of the Chengtu Military Region (Chengtu Radio, Jan 28, 1976). Liu has ceased to be 1st CCP Secretary and Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee of Szechuan Province, as well as 1st Political Commissar of the Chengtu Military Region.

All these posts have been taken over by Chao Tzu-yang who had previously been in Kuangtung Province (see above). Liu was appointed Commander of the Chengtu Military Region instead.

Changes in the Diplomatic Service

CH'AI TSE-MIN

Appointed first Chinese ambassador to Thailand (NCNA Jan 19, 1976)

Previous appointments:

May 1961 - Jul 1964:	Ambassador to Hungary
Aug 1964 - 1967	Ambassador to Guinea
Jun 1970 - Sep 1974	Ambassador to Egypt
Sep 1974 - Aug 1975	Chairman of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

LI YAO-WEN

Called back as Ambassador to Tanzania (NCNA Jan 18, 1976)

Foreign Diplomats

NEW AMBASSADORS

BENIN (ex Dahomey)	Traore Ali Moussa Bajo	(NCNA Jan 7)
BURUNDI	Simon Sabimboua	(NCNA Jan 22)
GERMANY, Dem. Rep.	Helmut Liebermann	(NCNA Jan 27)
PHILIPPINES	Benjamin Romualdez	(NCNA Jan 11)

AMBASSADORS CALLED BACK

MEXICO	Anguiano Roch	(NCNA Jan 1)
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China's economic aid

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ALGERIA

China will assist Algeria in breeding silkworms, popularizing grain and garden production, and establishing a fish-breeding centre (Algerie Presse Service, Jan 26, 1976; SWB/ME/W 863).

A contract for the installation of a plant for the processing and conditioning of rice in Skikda was signed on Dec 26, 1975 (SWB/ME/W 859).

LAOS

A Chinese medical group which is about to wind up its work in Laos got the "Issala" medal, Second Class. (NCNA Jan 18, 1976).

A group of Chinese experts has arrived in Laos to assist in the construction of the Nambak-Luang Prabang motor road. They will begin work in early 1976 (SWB 5057).

NIGER

A Chinese medical group started work on 19 January (SWB 5119).

NIGERIA

China will assist Nigeria in the development of three rice projects covering about 1,000 ha (SWB/ME/W 862).

PAKISTAN

China has agreed to provide technical and financial assistance for the proposed Chahilgazi pig-iron and steel smelting works

in Baluchistan. The annual capacity of the works, estimated to cost over 270,000 000 rupees, will be about 200,000 tons. It will utilize indigenous iron ore. The exploration work is now progressing well under the supervision of Chinese experts (Karachi Radio Jan 12, 1976; cit. SWB/W861).

SIERRA LEONE

The Sierre Leone National Stadium to be constructed with Chinese assistance is under construction in Freetown since June 1975. It will consist of the stadium's grand stand, playgrounds, sportsmen's dormitories, a dining-hall and vegetable plots (NCNA Jan 1, 1976).

TANZANIA

On 11 January a sawmill constructed with Chinese assistance at Kizimbani, Wete, on Zanzibar Island was formally opened. It can process 2,500 tons of timber annually (SWB/W 862).

VIETNAM, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NORTH

About 10 km north-west of Hanoi Chinese specialists are constructing the Thang Long (Soaring Dragon) bridge. This two-deck 15-span bridge across the Red River is the biggest rail and road bridge in North Vietnam and stretches 1,680 m over water. The two viaducts measure 3,814 m (SWB/W 859).

ZAIRE

The PR China will construct a sugar complex at Yawenda near Yangambi (SWB/ME/W 859).