Chairman Hua meets delegation of the Central Committee of Portuguese Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)

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HUA KUO-FENG, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, on May 28 met and had a cordial and friendly conversation with the Delegation of the Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) led by its General Secretary Heduino

Members of the delegation present were Jose Santos, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee and Secretary of the Central Committee, and Ana Faria, Member of the Political Bureau of the Cen-

tral Committee, of the Portuguese Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist).

Also present were Li Hsiennien, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee; Keng Piao, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Head of its International Liaison Department; and Feng Hsuan, Member of the C.P.C. Central Committee and Deputy Head of its International Liaison Department.

After the meeting, Chairman Hua gave a banquet in honour of the delegation. Comrade Li Hsiennien and Comrade Heduino Vilar proposed toasts at the banquet, which was permeated with the brotherly feelings of the two Parties.

Comrade Li Hsiennien said in his toast: The Portuguese Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) has steadgrown in strength through tireless efforts over the past years in the course of the struggle against imperialism. modern revisionism and domestic fascist rule and particularly in the struggle

against Soviet social-imperialism. We believe your Party will surely win new, greater victories in the process of integrating the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete practice of the revolution in your country.

Comrade Li Hsien-nien pointed out: The present international situation is excellent; it is continuing to develop in a direction favourable to the people of various countries and unfavourable to the two hegemonic powers, the Soviet Union and the United States.

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He said that the Chinese and Portuguese Parties have supported each other in the common struggle against imperialism, revisionism and reactionaries. He expressed the deep belief that the visit by the Delegation of the Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) will surely further strengthen the militant friendship and unity between the two Parties.

In his toast, Comrade Heduino Vilar said: The Portuguese

Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) regards the principles of the communist teachers Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung as its own principles.

He spoke highly of the contributions made by Chairman Mao Tsetung to the development of Marxism. He went on to say: Mao Tsetung belonged not only to the Chinese Communists and people, but also to the Communists and people the world over.

He said: The Portuguese people today see with their own

eyes the fierce contention between the two superpowers on Portuguese soil. In the guise of "friends of the working people," Soviet social-imperialism is the most dangerous imperialism.

Comrade Heduino Vilar pointed out that the Portuguese and Chinese Parties have supported each other in the struggle against their common enemy. He expressed the wish that the fraternal friendship between the two Parties would constantly grow.