

TABLE TENNIS AND FRIENDSHIP



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Front cover:
Korean and Chinese table tennis
players are close comrades-in-arms.

**QUOTATIONS FROM
CHAIRMAN MAO TSETUNG**

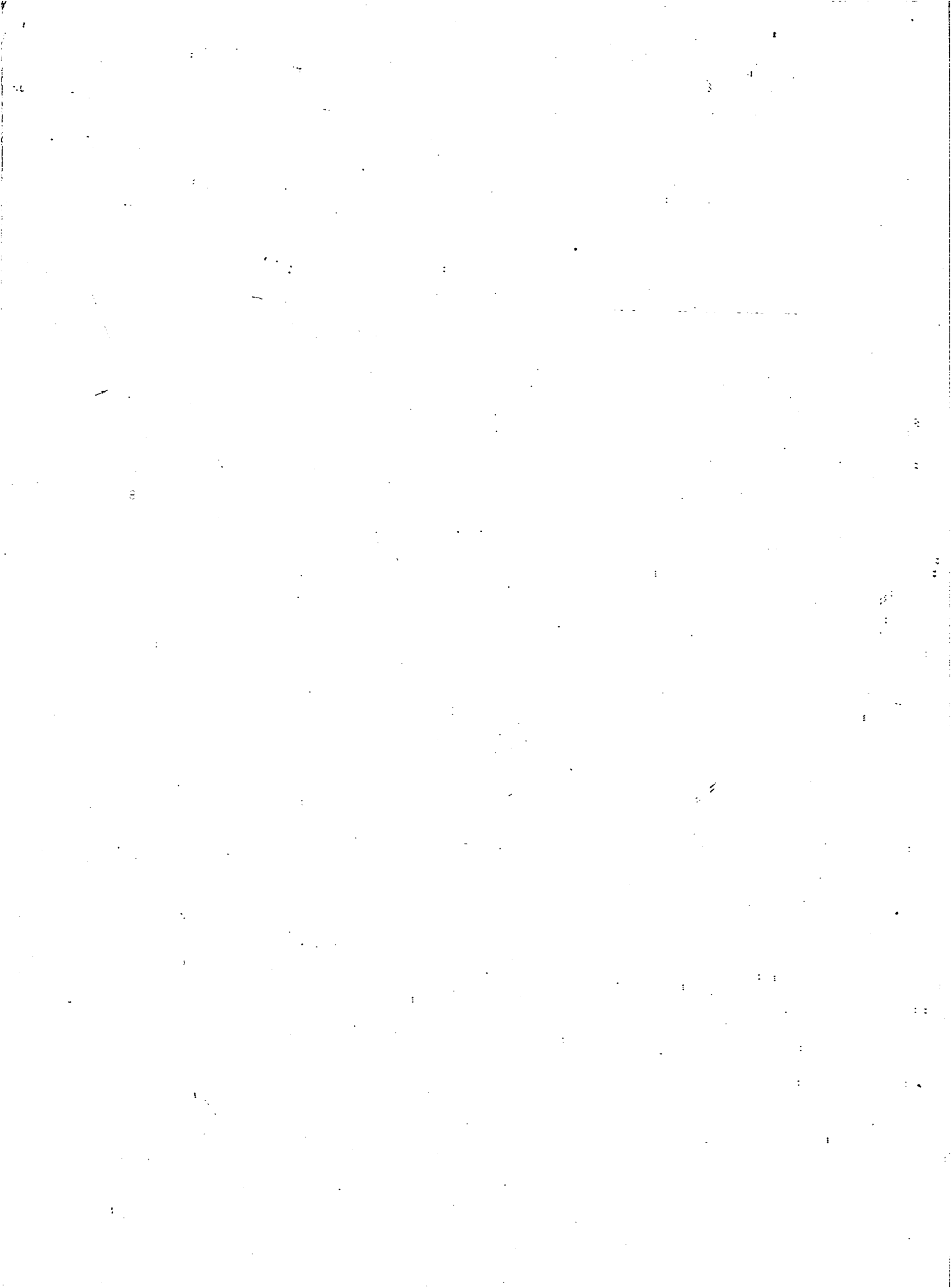
**We have friends all
over the world.**

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**Promote physical cul-
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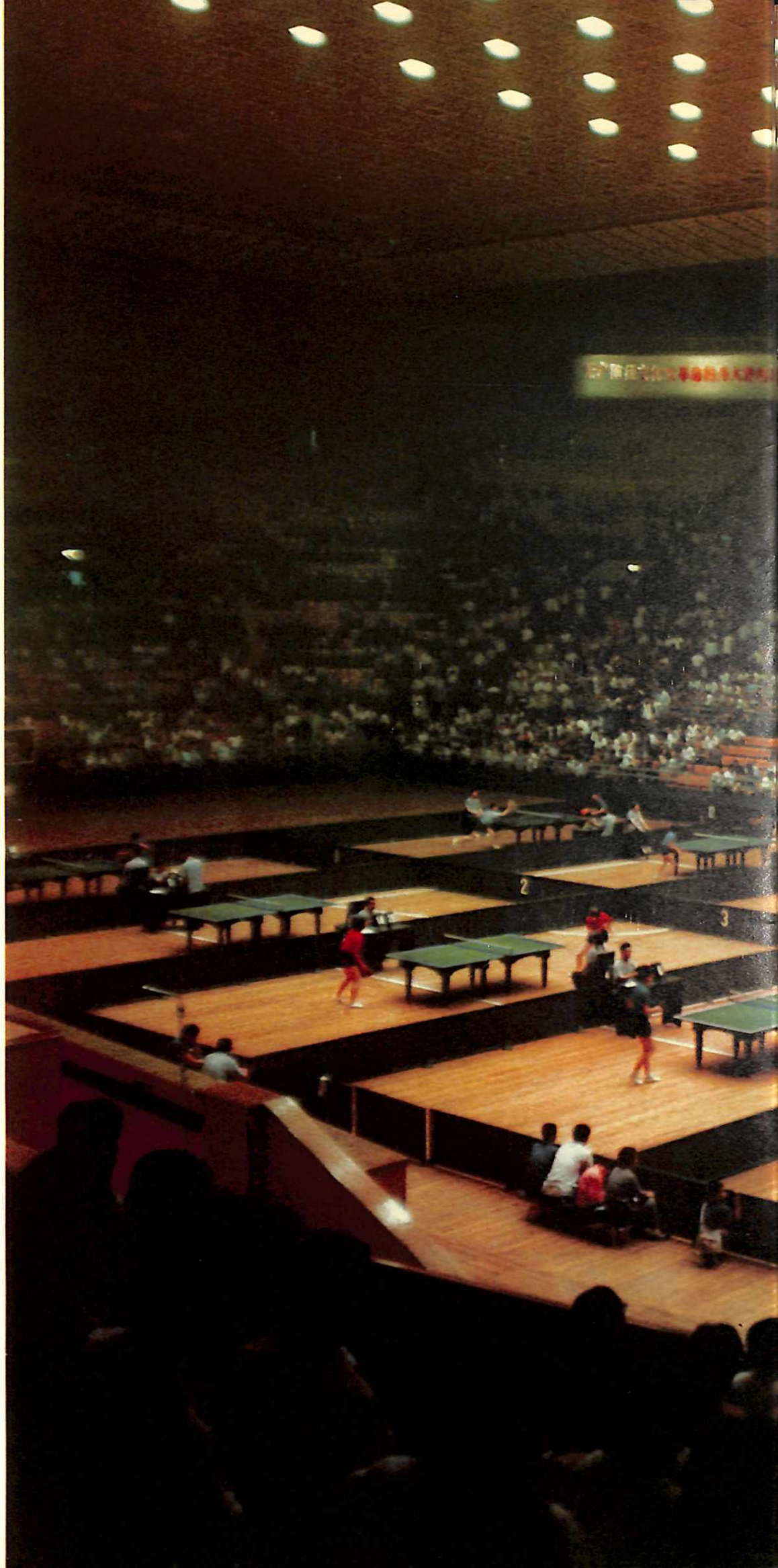
Foreword

One often sees in the streets of Peking primary school children, ping-pong bats sticking out of their school bags, gesticulating and swinging their arms in an attitude of smashing or setting up a spin ball. They are among the millions of table tennis fans in China. Under the guidance of Chairman Mao's directive, **"Promote physical culture and build up the people's health"**, sports of all kinds are organized on a mass basis in China. Table tennis, among others, is fast becoming one of the most popular sports items in cities and many rural communes. From the mass activities have emerged the Chinese players participating in international competitions.

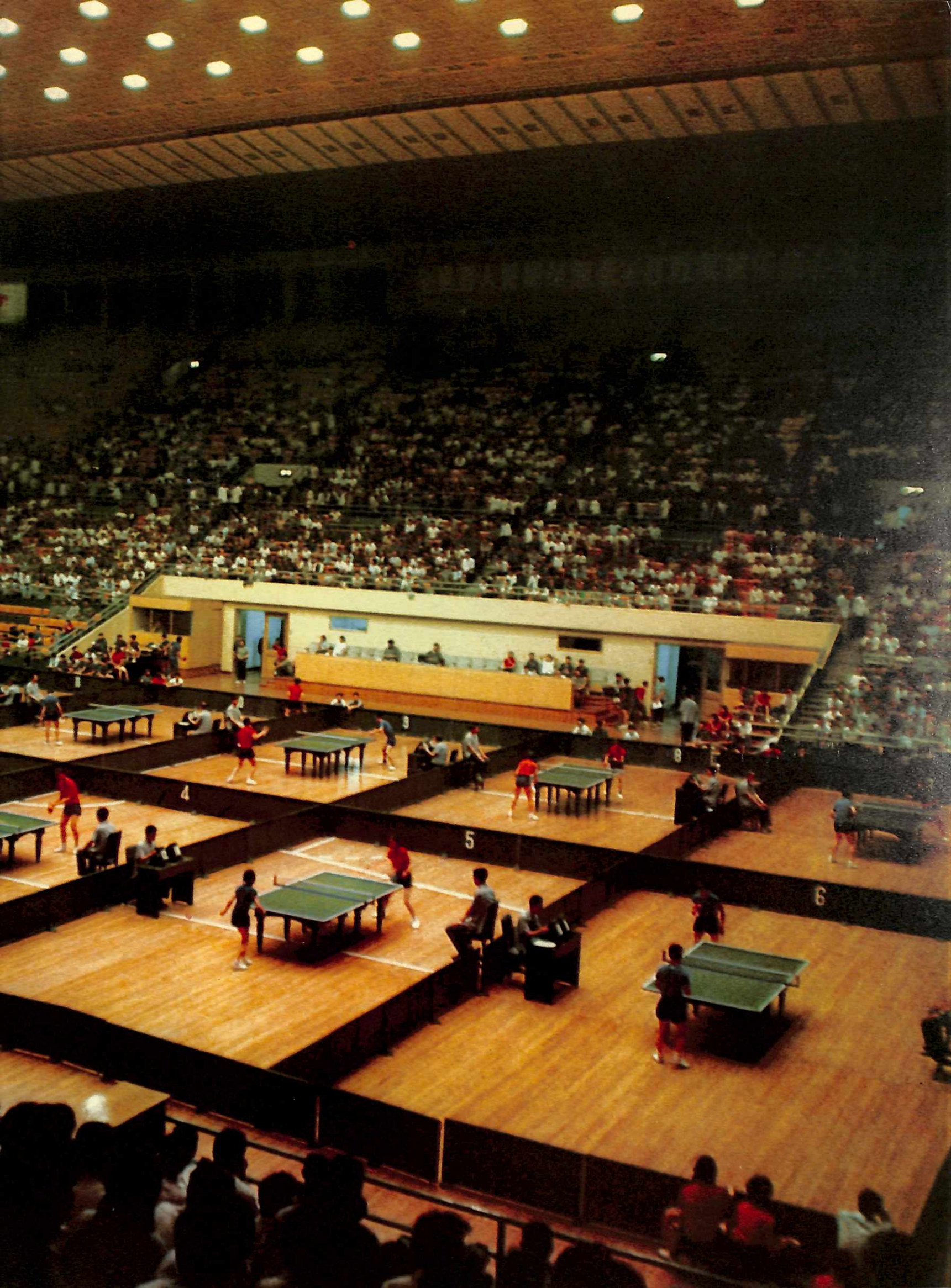
Sport has also become a medium for strengthening friendly exchanges between the peoples of China and other countries. In the past two years Chinese table tennis players have visited Albania, Nepal, Romania, Yugoslavia, Sweden and Denmark. Guided by the principle of "friendship first, competition second", they played in the 31st World Table Tennis Championships at Nagoya and later visited a number of Japanese cities.

At home the Chinese players were host to table tennis players from Korea, Viet Nam, Romania, Nepal, Canada, Colombia, Nigeria, England, the United States and Australia. These exchanges greatly promoted the game of table tennis. More important, they enhanced friendship and unity between the players of the different countries, and between their peoples.

A Game With Mass Basis



Rearing new players—the 1971 national selective trials competition of junior players in Peking.





Chuang Tse-tung tells young players what he saw and learned abroad, and encourages them to strengthen friendship with the revolutionary peoples of the world through table tennis.

Youngsters discuss serving techniques.





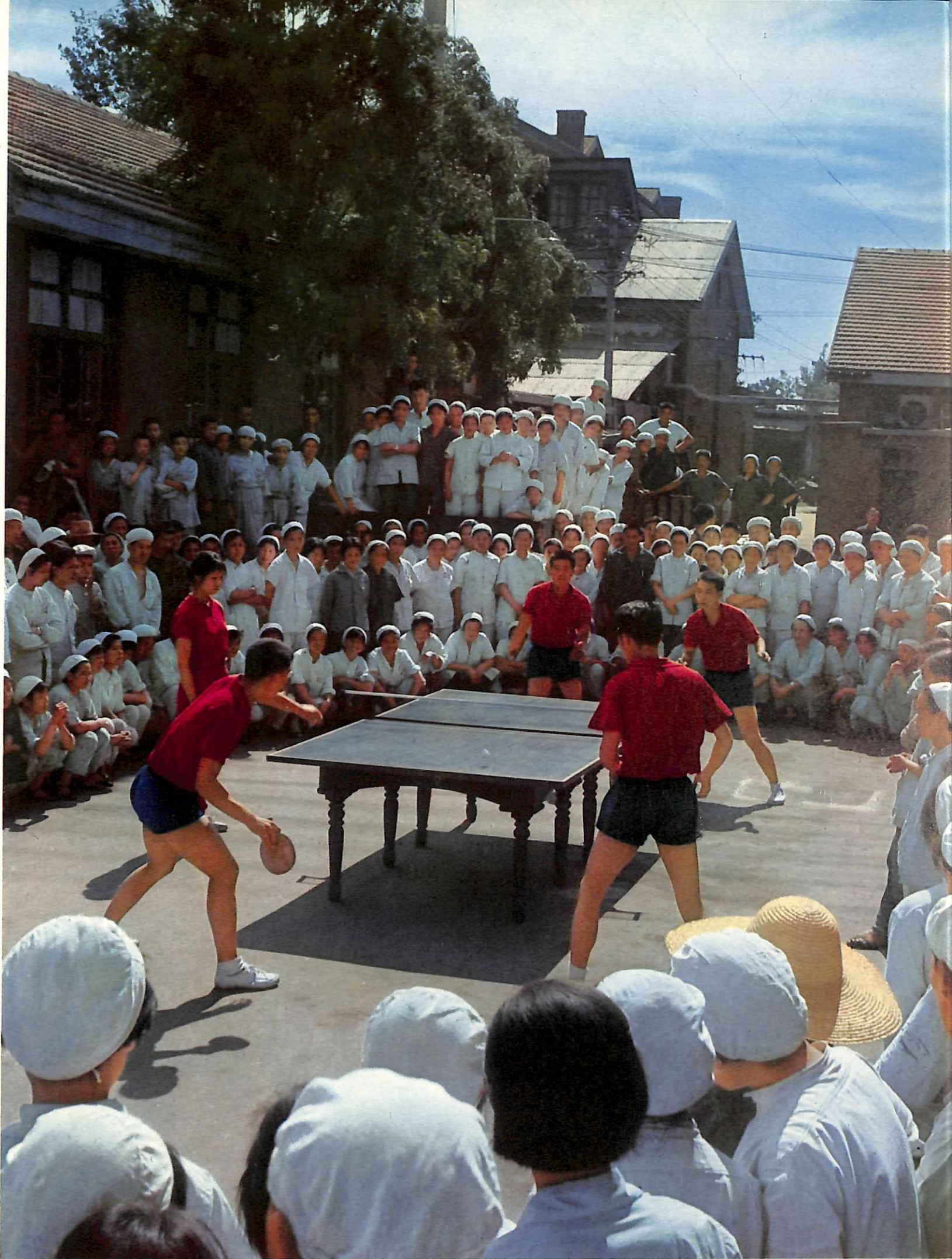
An after-school courtyard game.



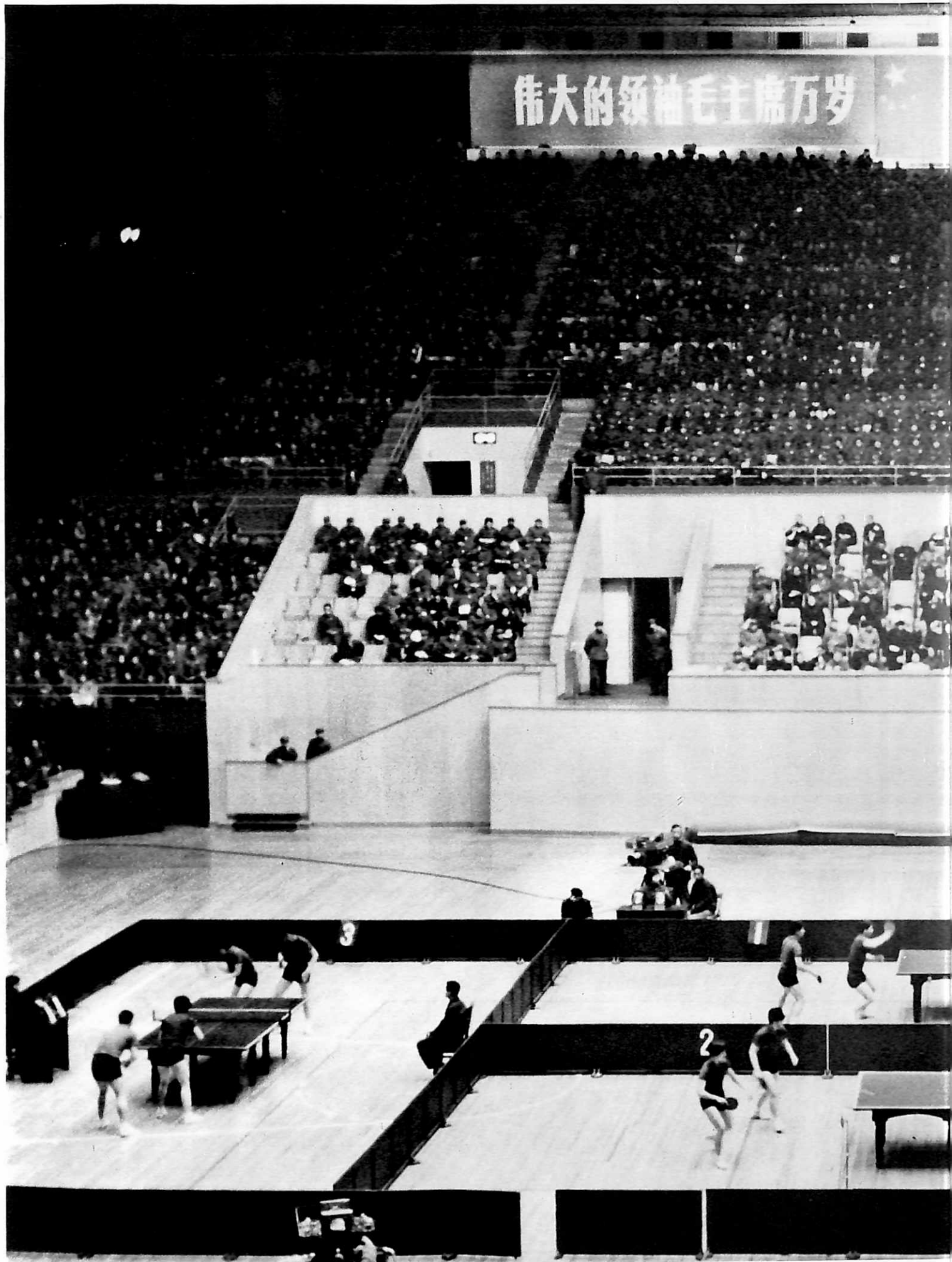
Commune members holding a match on the threshing ground.

In a barracks.

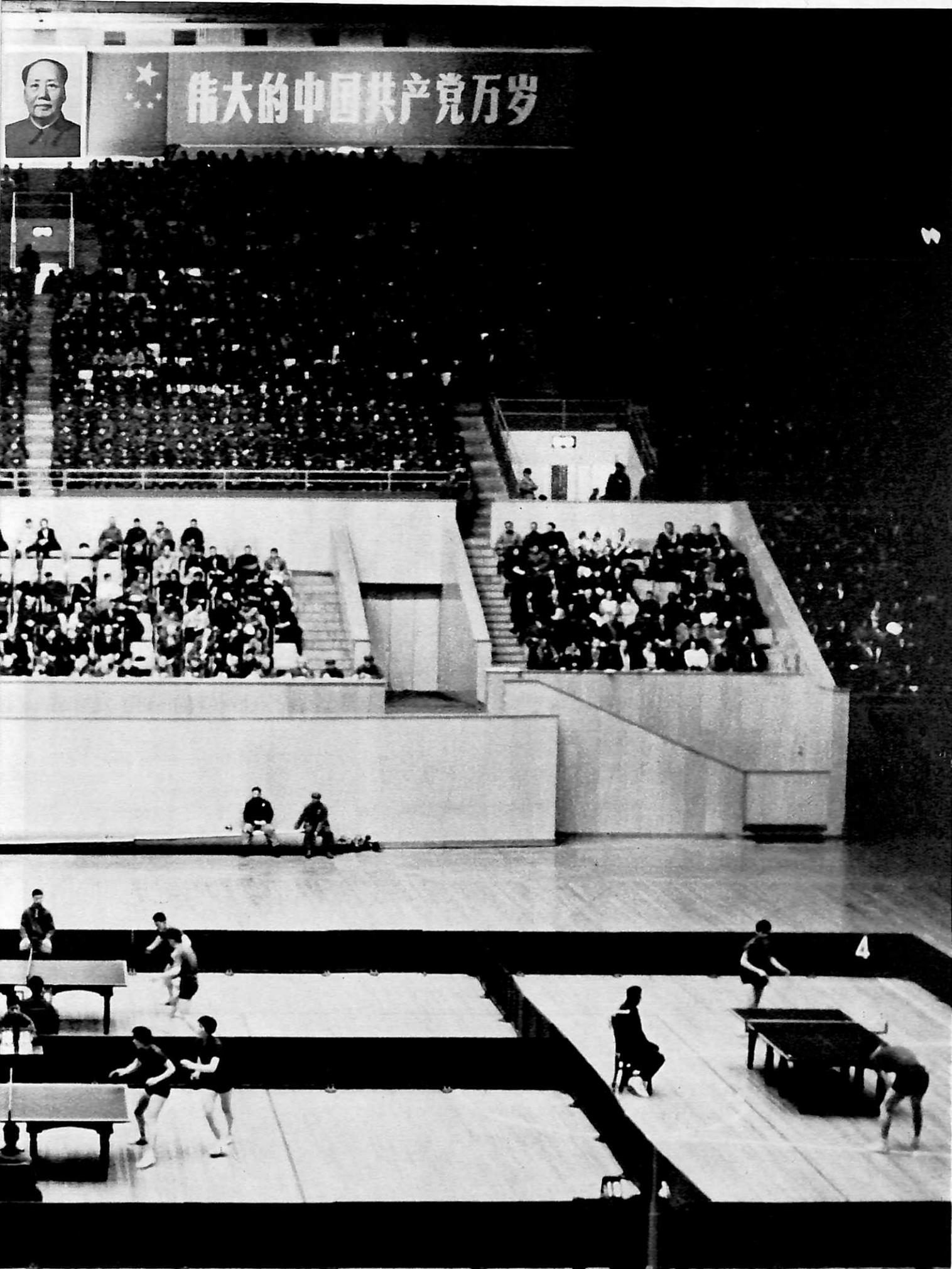




An exciting contest at the Peking Foodstuffs Factory.



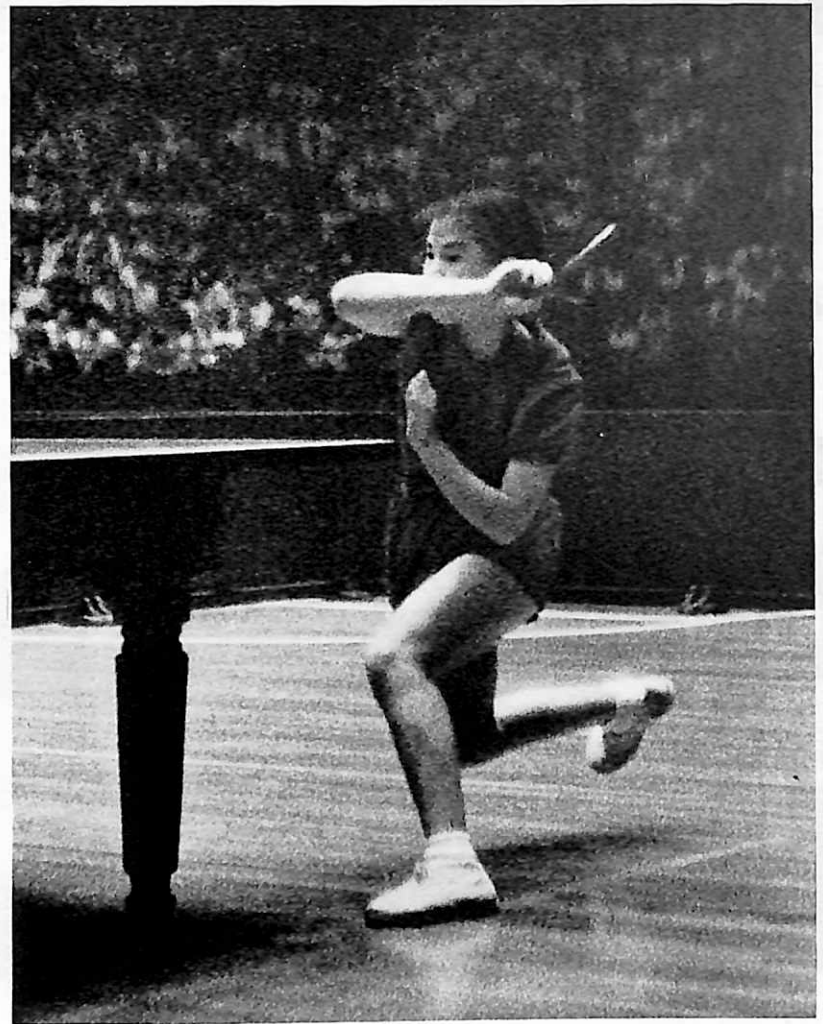
National team giving exhibition matches for workers, peasants and soldiers.





Li Li

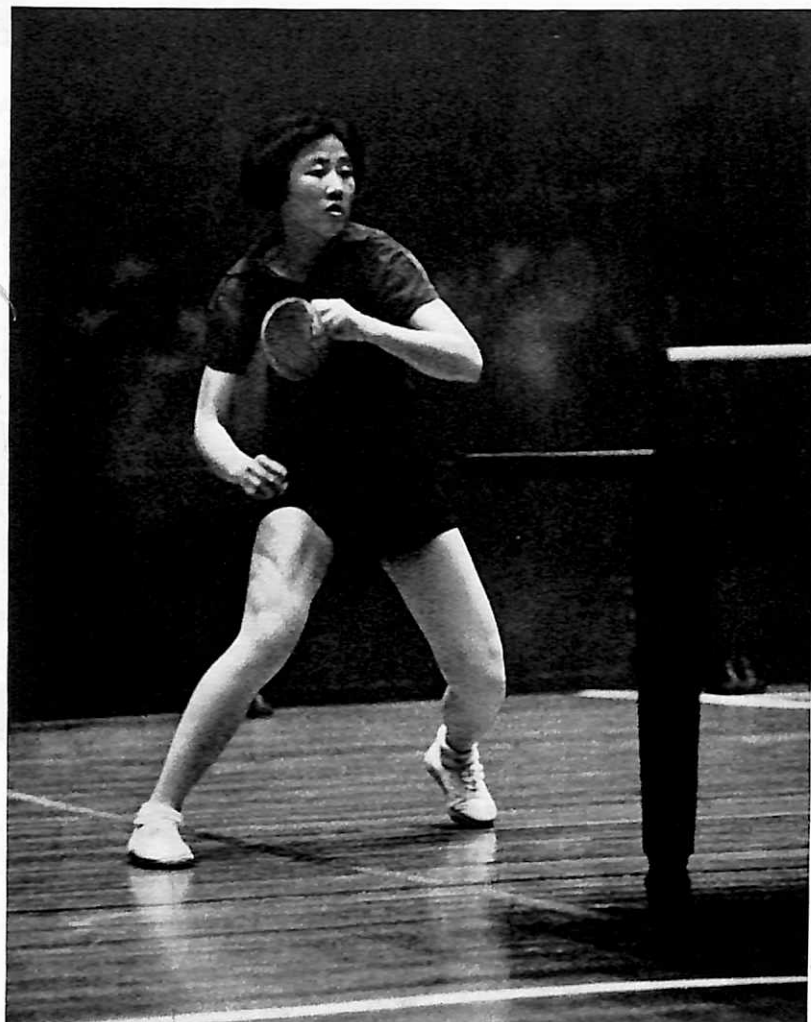
Cheng Huai-ying



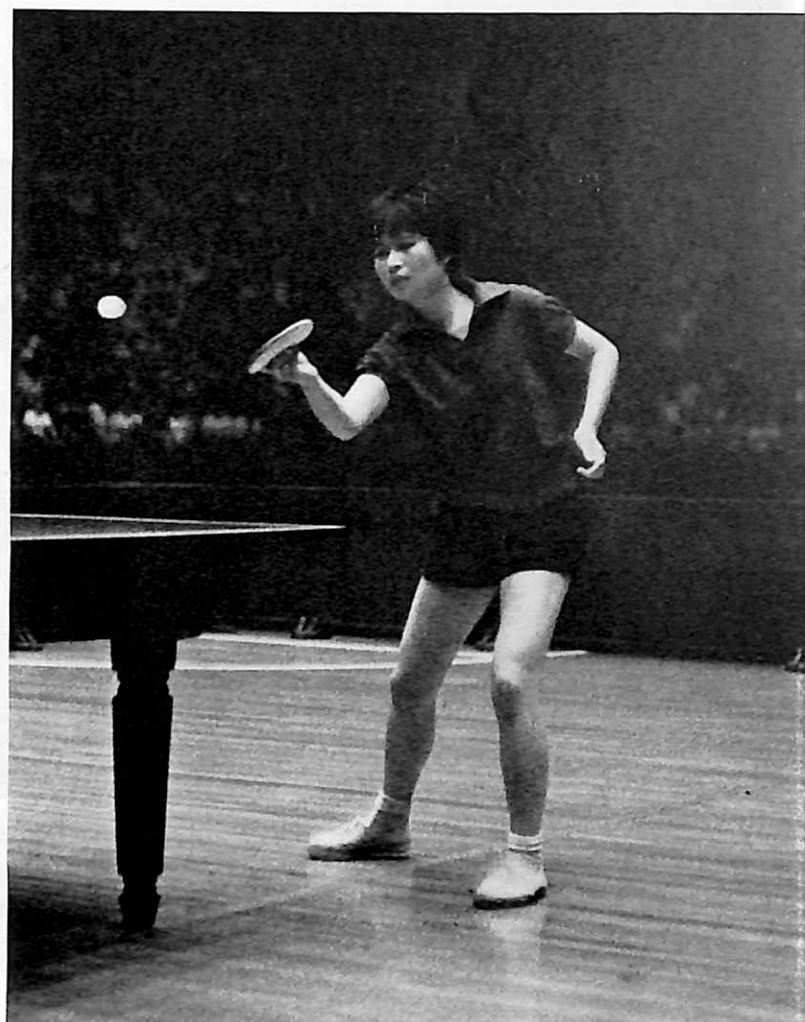


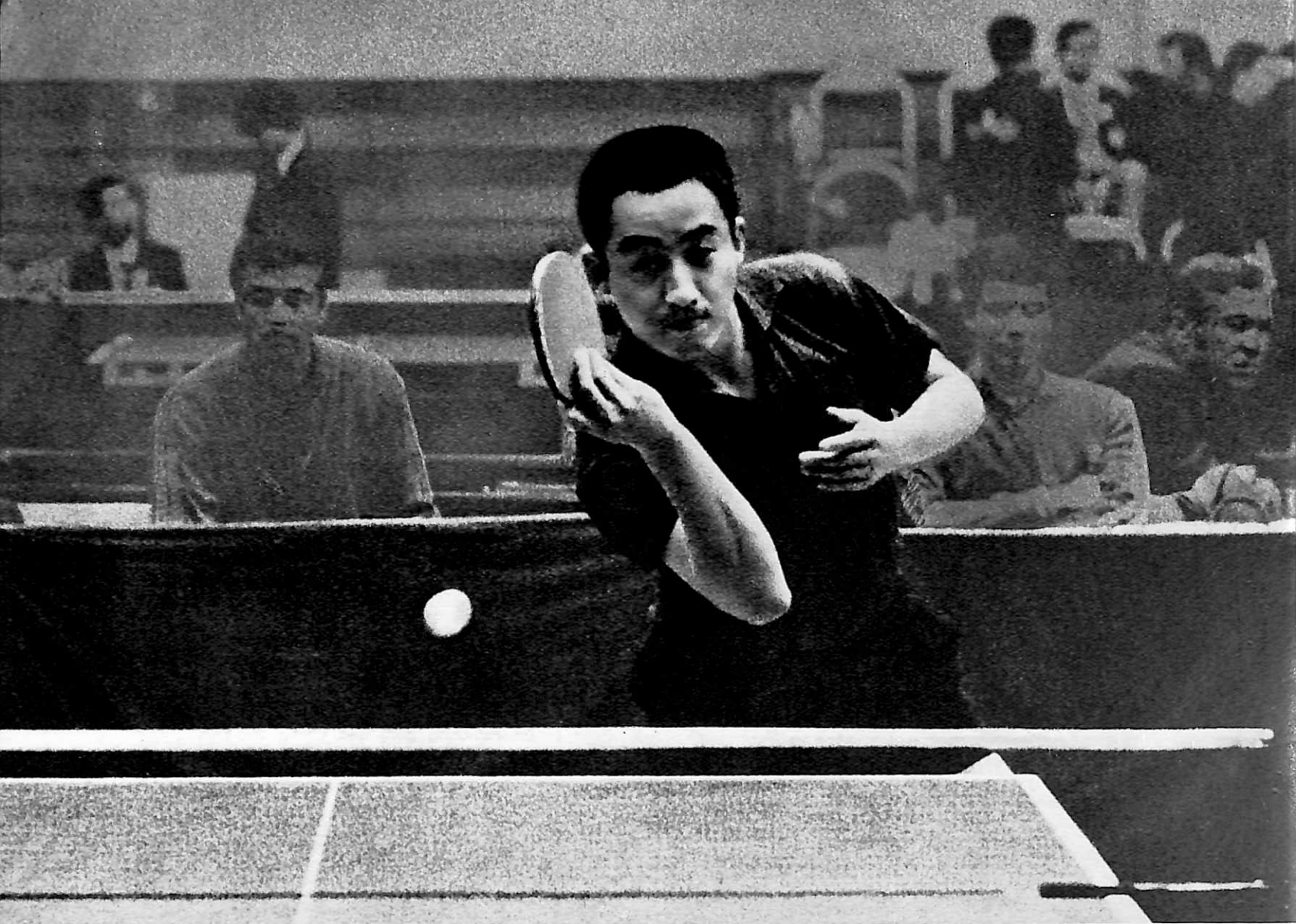
Lin Hui-ching (left) and Cheng Min-chih.

Chang Li



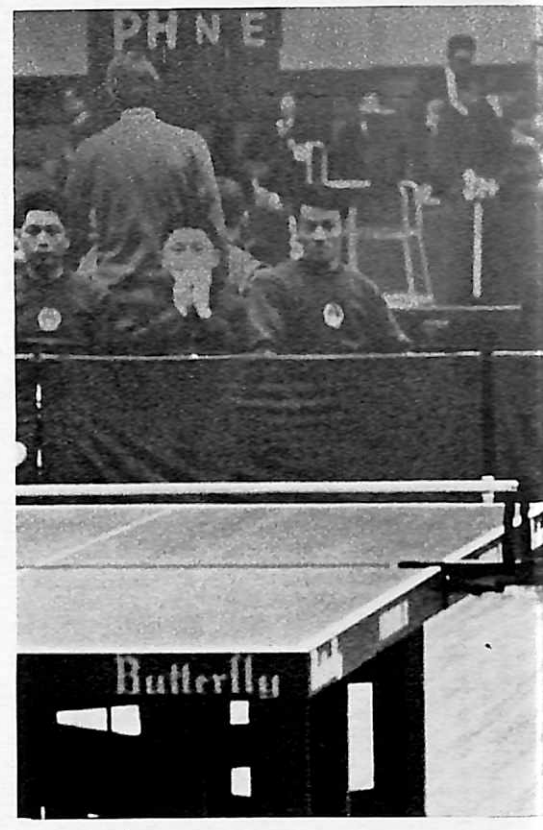
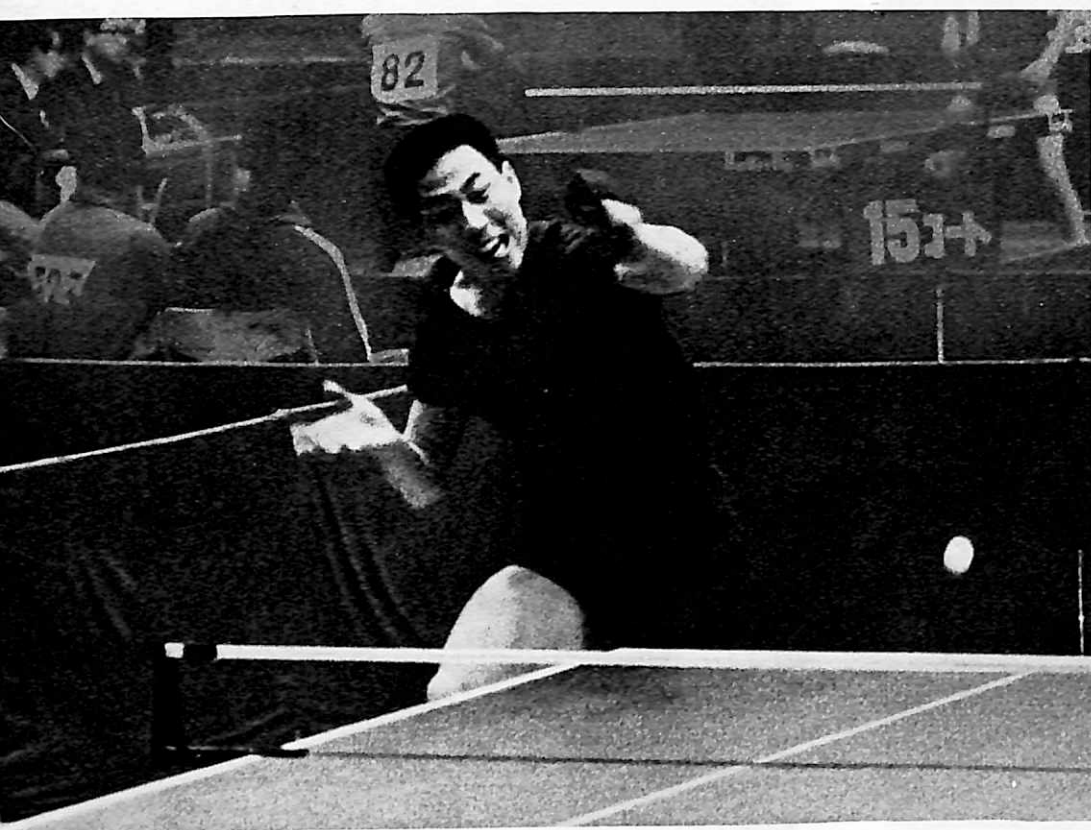
Liang Li-chen

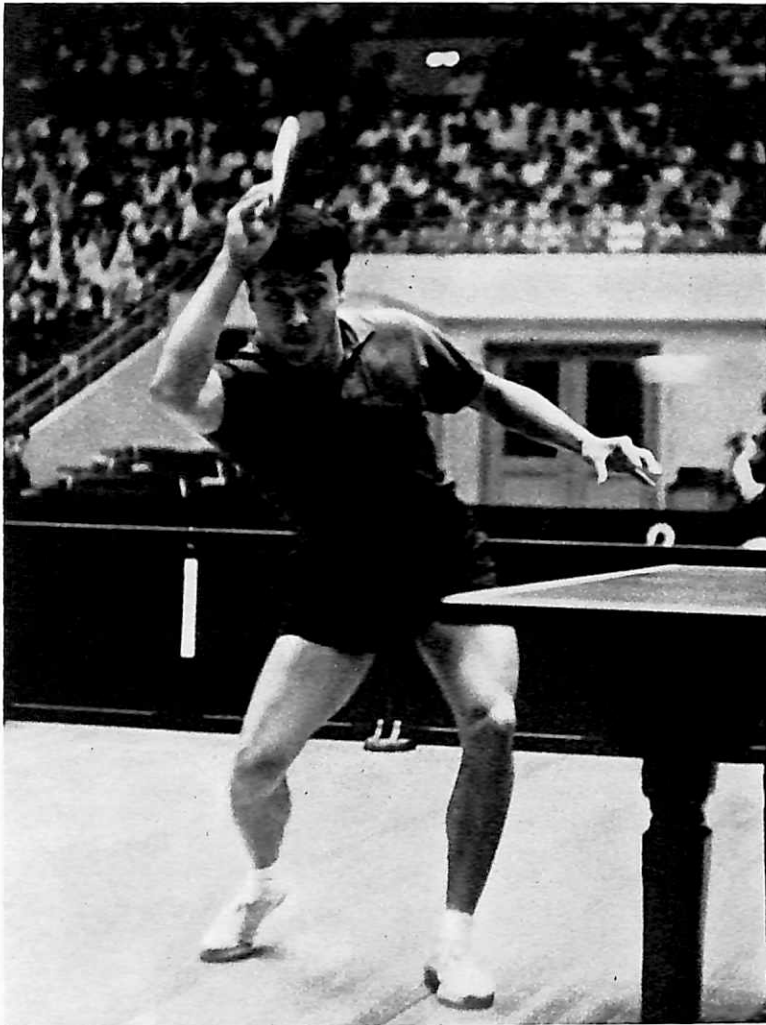




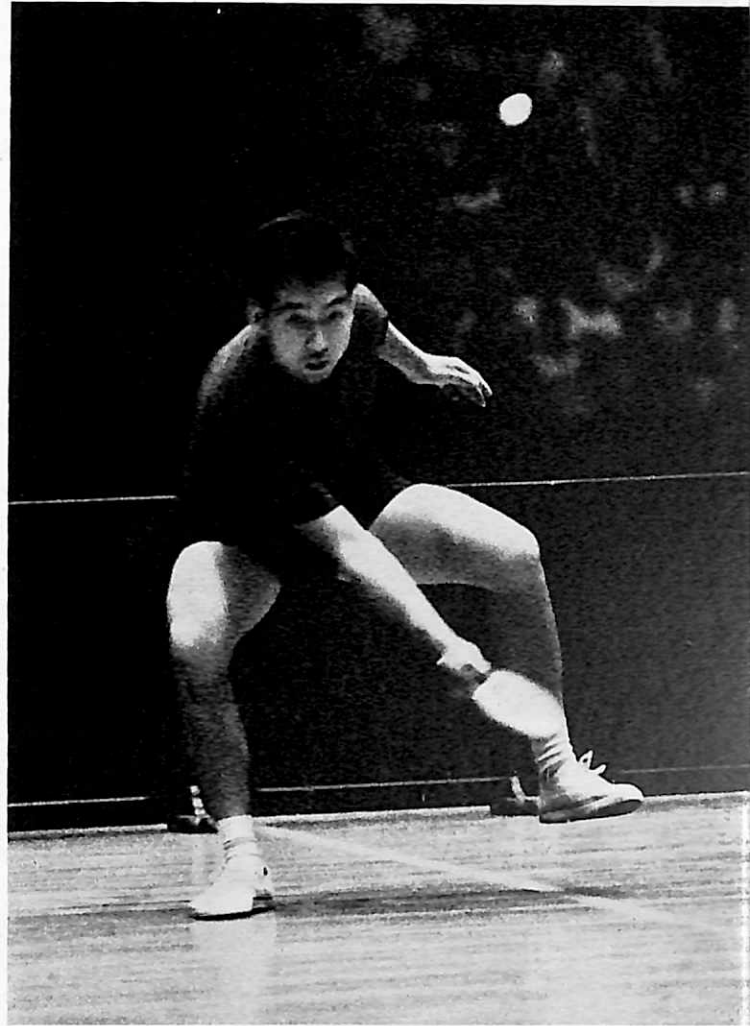
Chuang Tse-tung

Li Ching-kuang





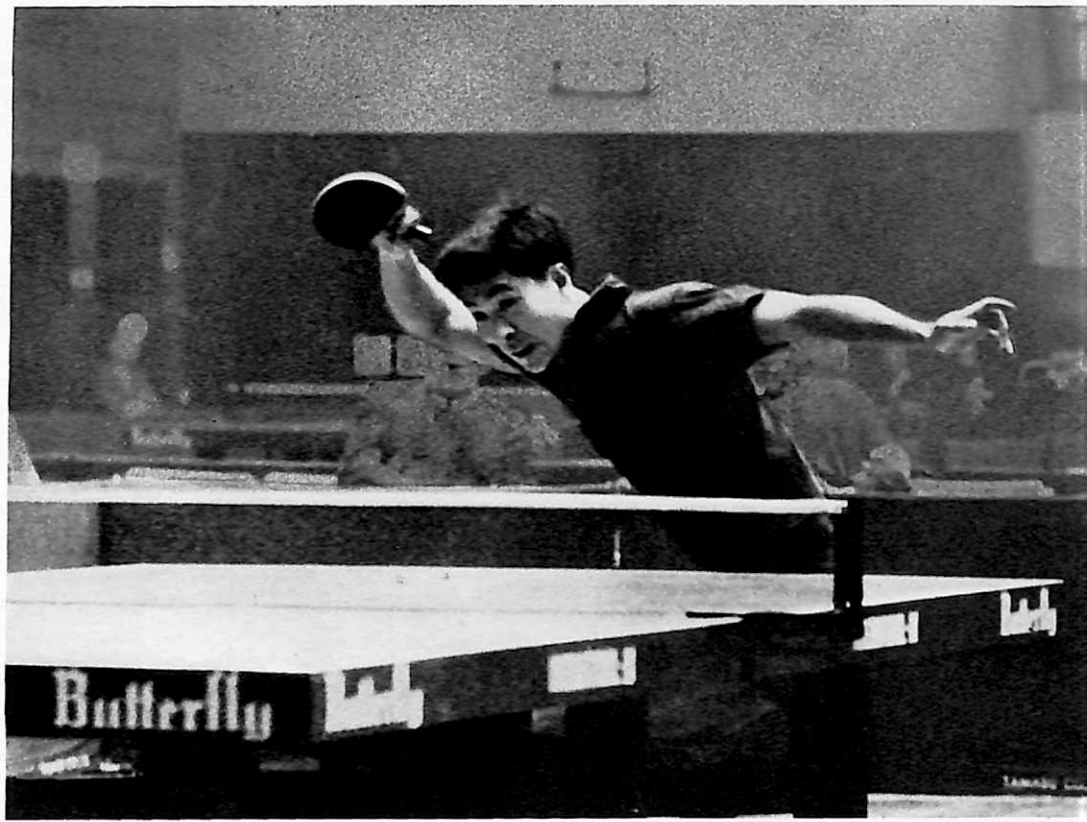
Li Fu-jung



Chang Hsieh-lin

Liang Ko-liang

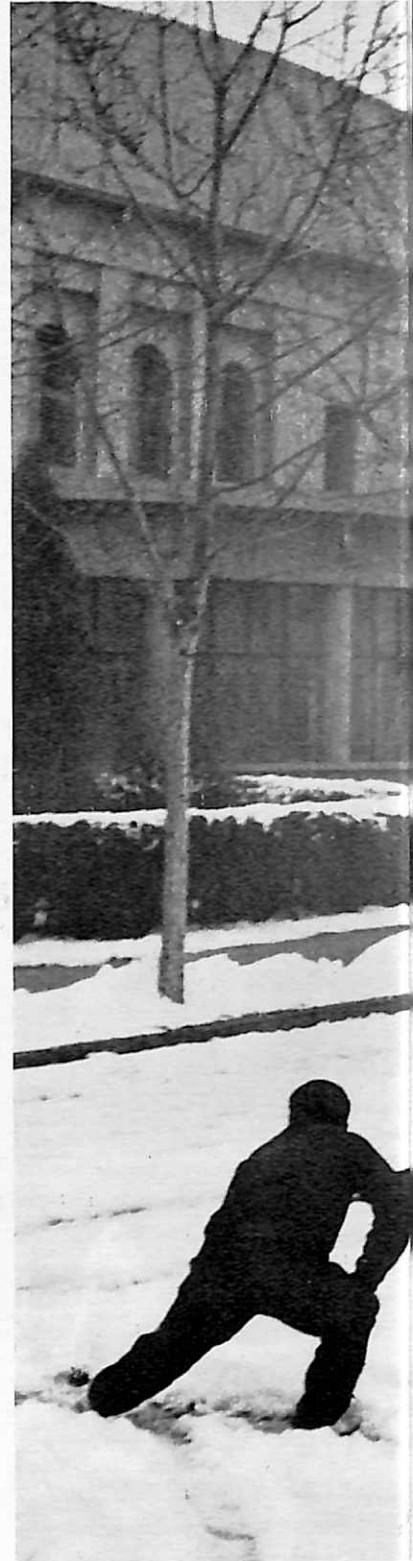
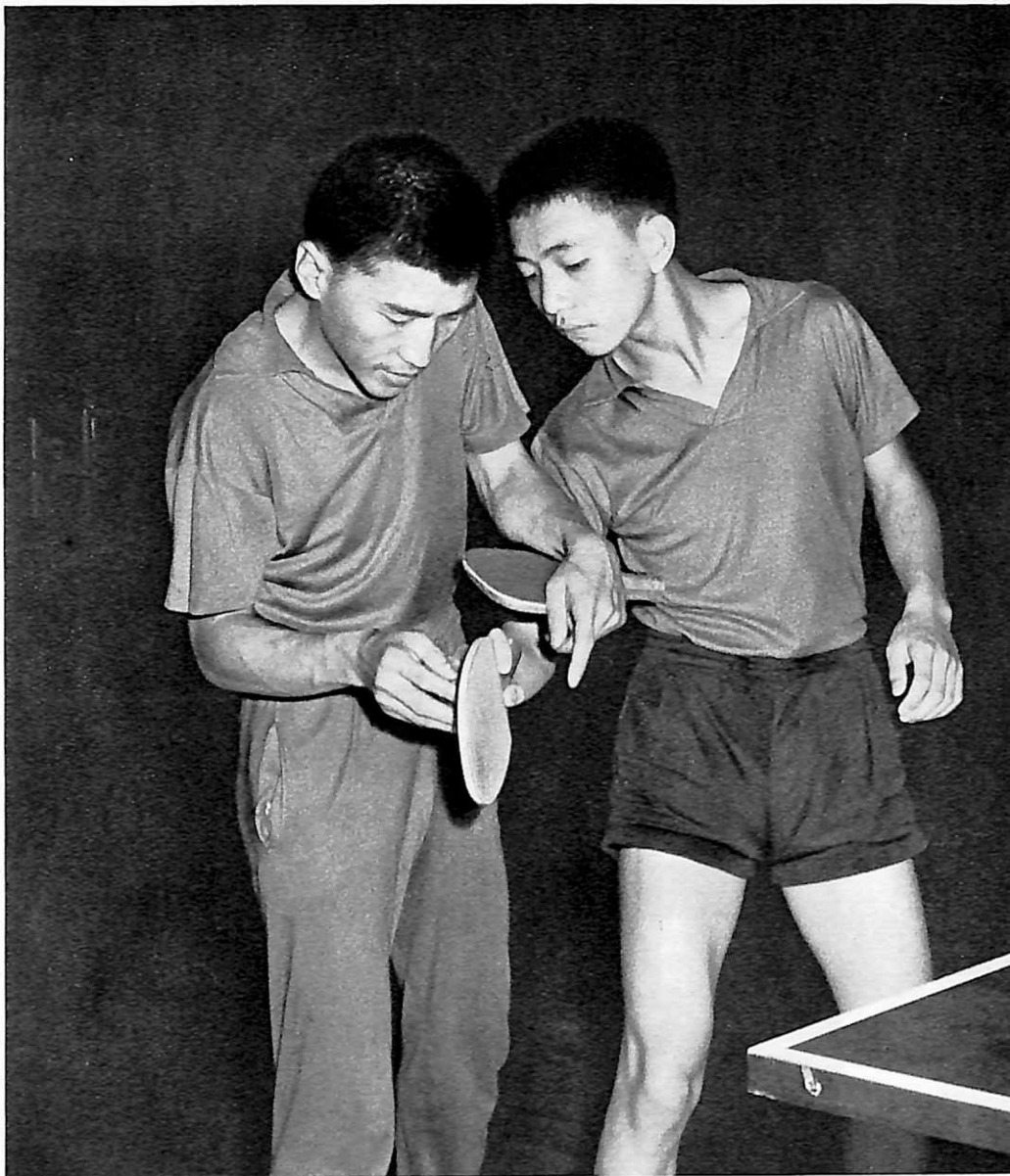
Hsi En-ting





A study session of Chairman Mao's works.

Coaching a young player.



Limbering up and tempering the will.





Players help with the harvest and receive re-education from poor and lower-middle peasants.



Li Shun-ta, national model in agriculture, inspires table tennis players with accounts of advances made in the socialist countryside.

Playing for peasants.





An exhibition match for the workers of the Durres Auto Repair Plant in Albania during the Chinese team's visit to that country in December 1970.

Albanian and Chinese players swap pointers.



Friendship First, Competition Second

Chinese players learn to sing the Albanian song, "Partisan Eagles".

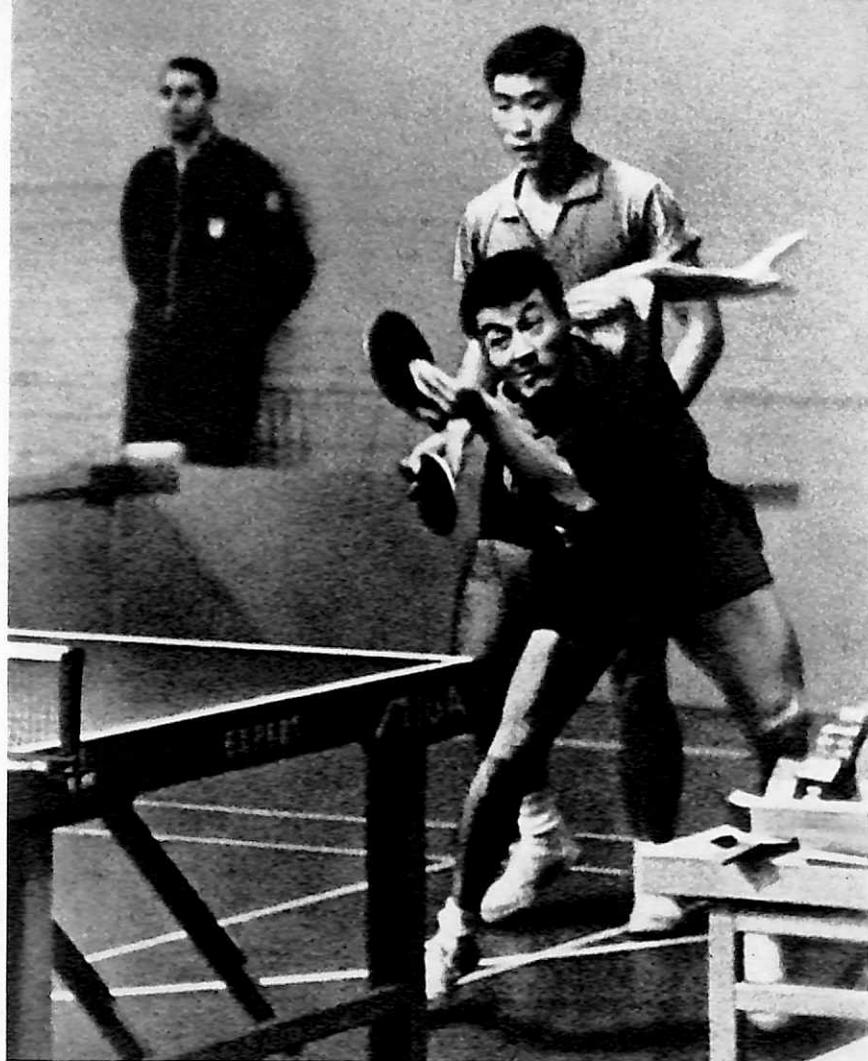




Mr. H. E. Poorna Bahadur, Chairman of the Nepal-China Friendship Association, presents gifts to visiting Chinese players in June 1970.

Chinese team entering arena during its visit to Romania in November 1970.





Chinese team at the Scandinavian International Table Tennis Championships held in Sweden from November 26 to 29, 1970.

Souvenir shot in Copenhagen, Denmark.



Chinese players visit a factory in Yugoslavia while in that country in December 1970.





Korean players visit the Peking No. 1 Machine Tool Plant.





Korean and Chinese players cheer the militant friendship between the Korean and Chinese peoples.

Women's doubles between Korea and China.





Welcoming a comrade-in-arms from Viet Nam.

Learning from Vietnamese comrades.





Opening ceremony of the Viet Nam-China friendly competition.



Romanian and Chinese players exchange team banners before a match.

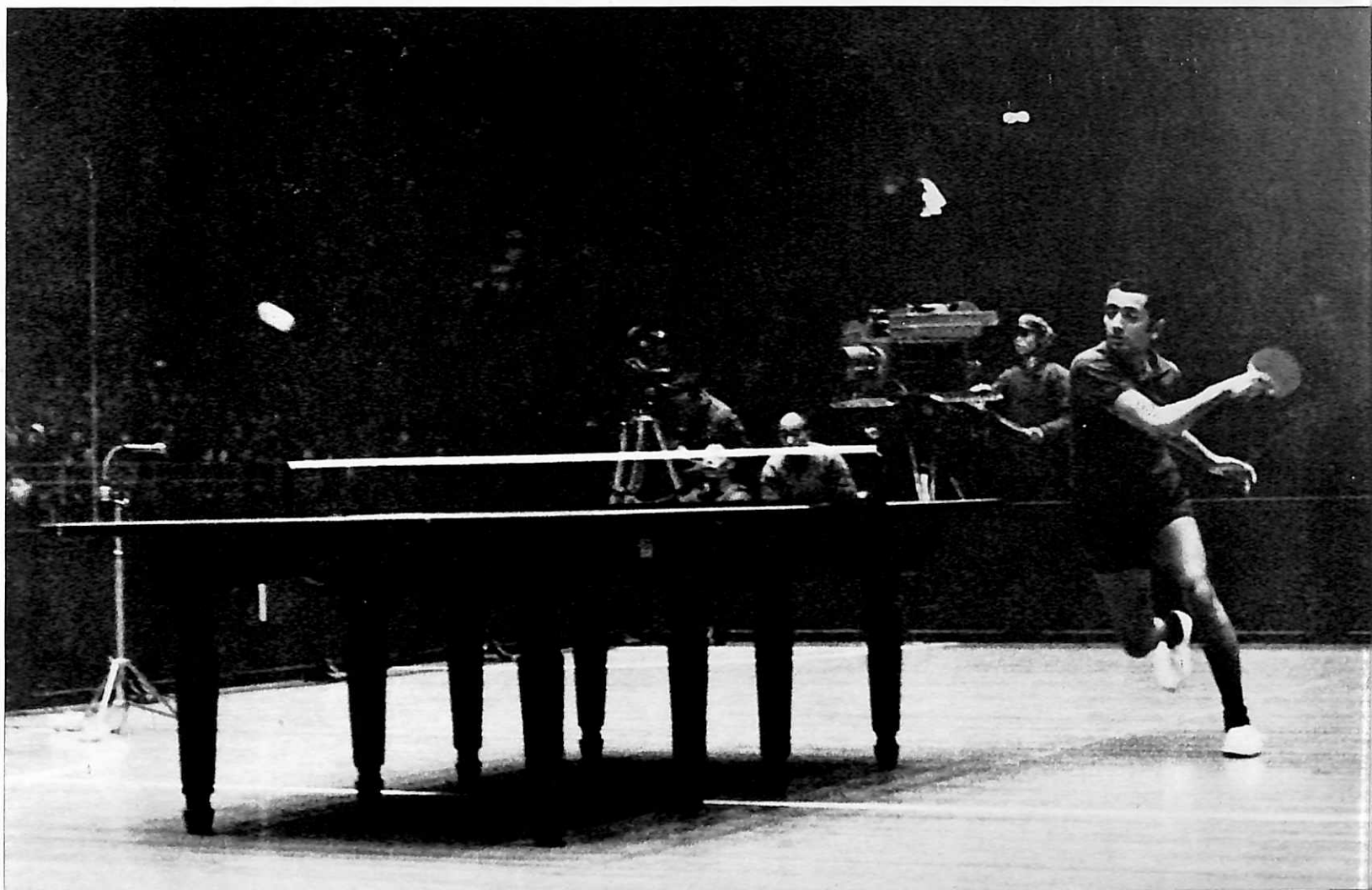
Romanian players visit the China-Romania Friendship People's Commune.

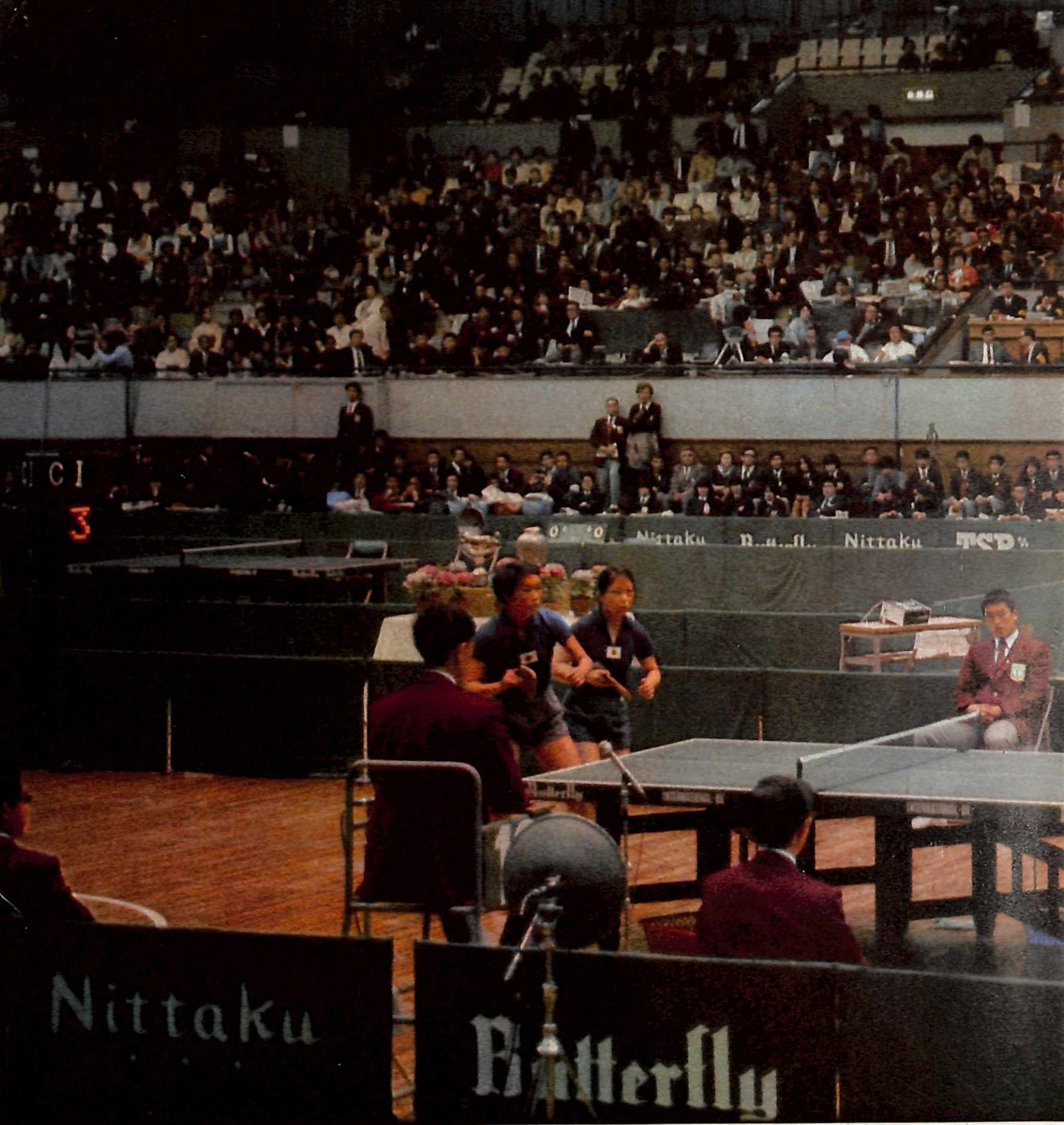




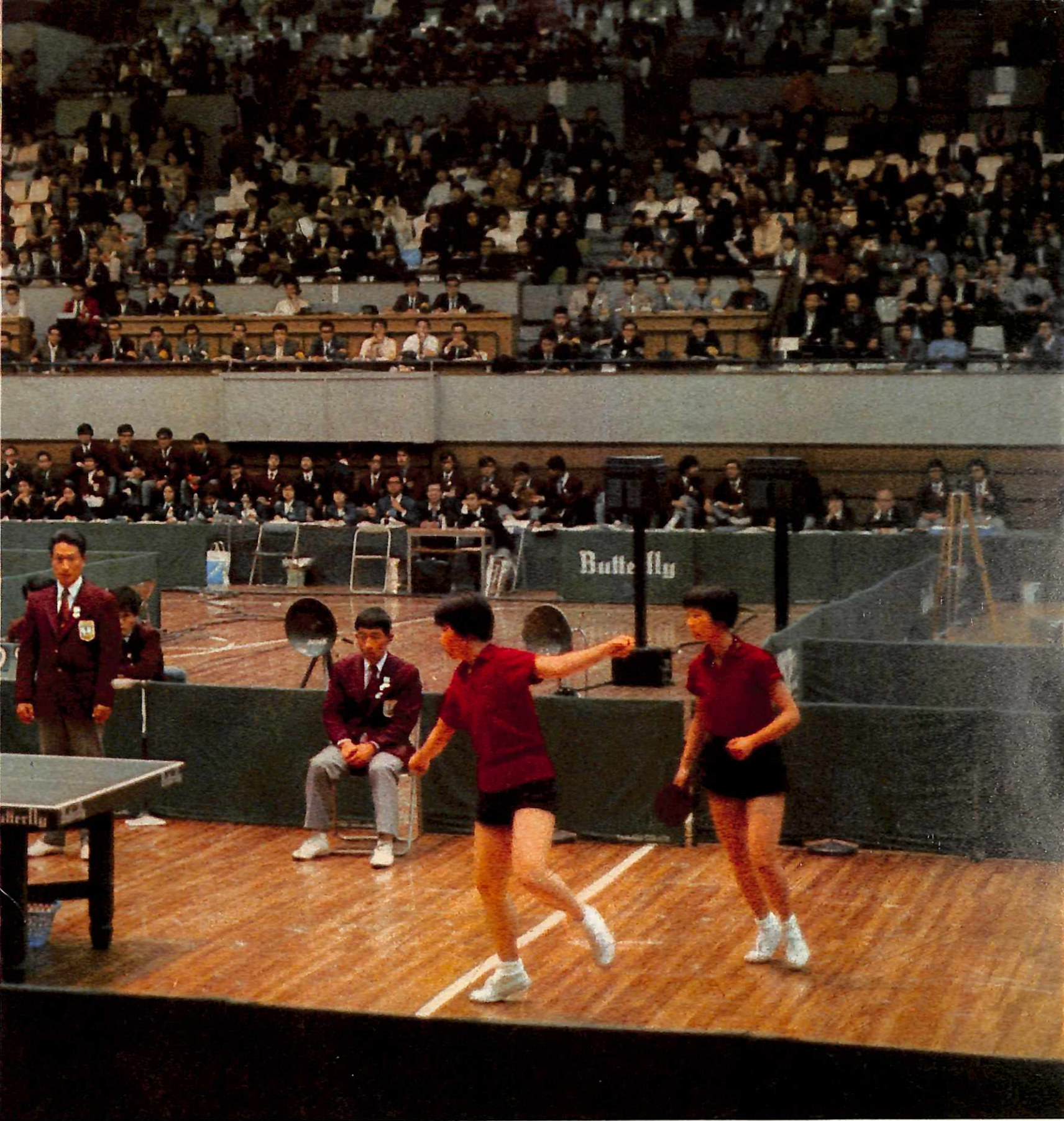
Nepalese team in China.

Men's singles between Nepal and China.





Women's doubles between Japan and China at the 31st world championships at Nagoya, Japan.





Chinese player Li Ching-kuang plays a game with a Japanese attendant in the hotel where the Chinese team stayed.

Members of the Chinese Table Tennis Delegation listen to Japanese peasants of Sanrizuka tell how they resisted U.S.-Japanese reactionaries who tried to seize their land for building a military base.



Visiting a historical site in Nara, Japan.





Korean and Chinese gathering.

Mauritian and Chinese players together.





Chinese and Nepalese players sharing a joke.

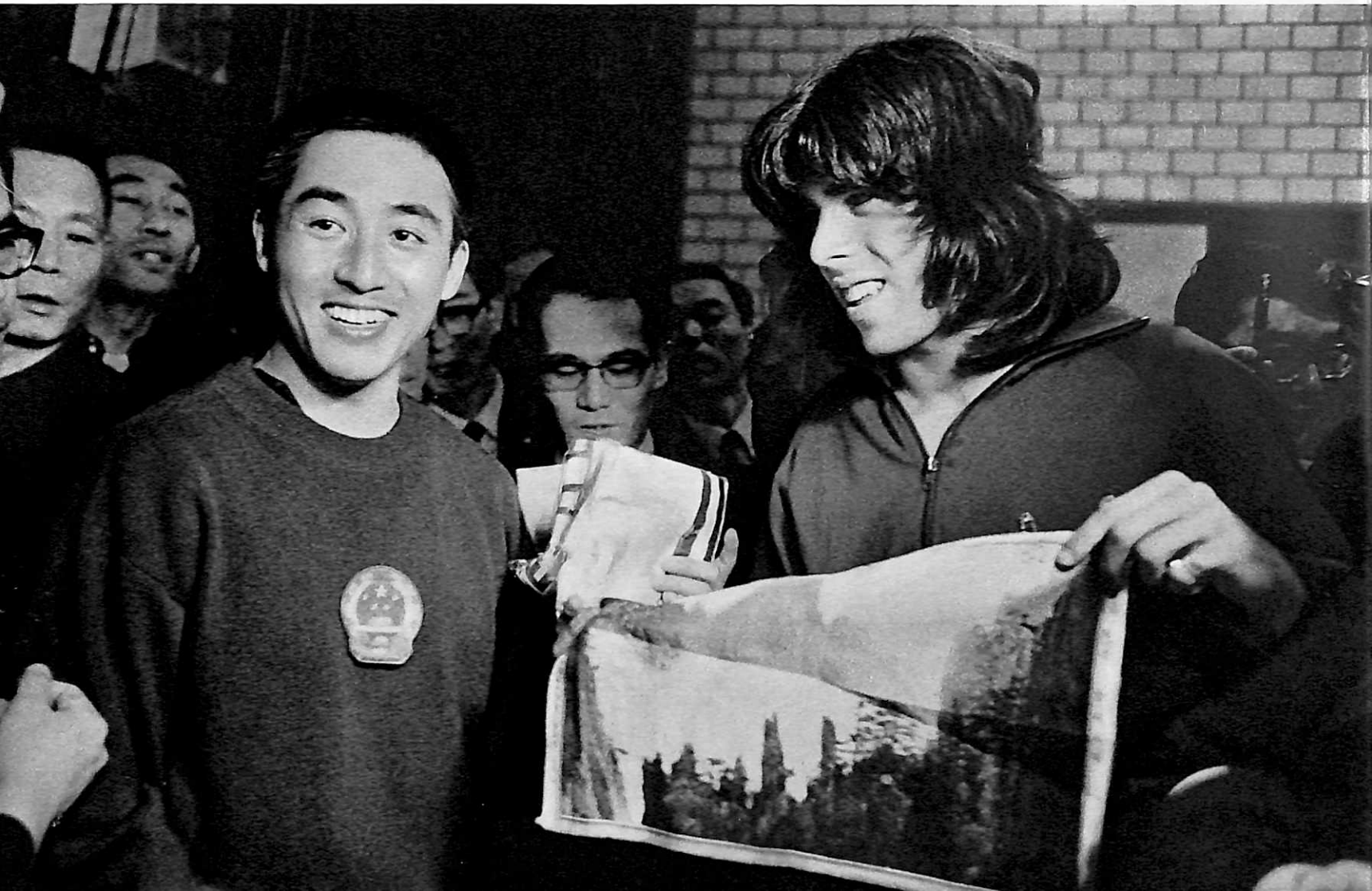
Chinese player greets Egyptian friends.



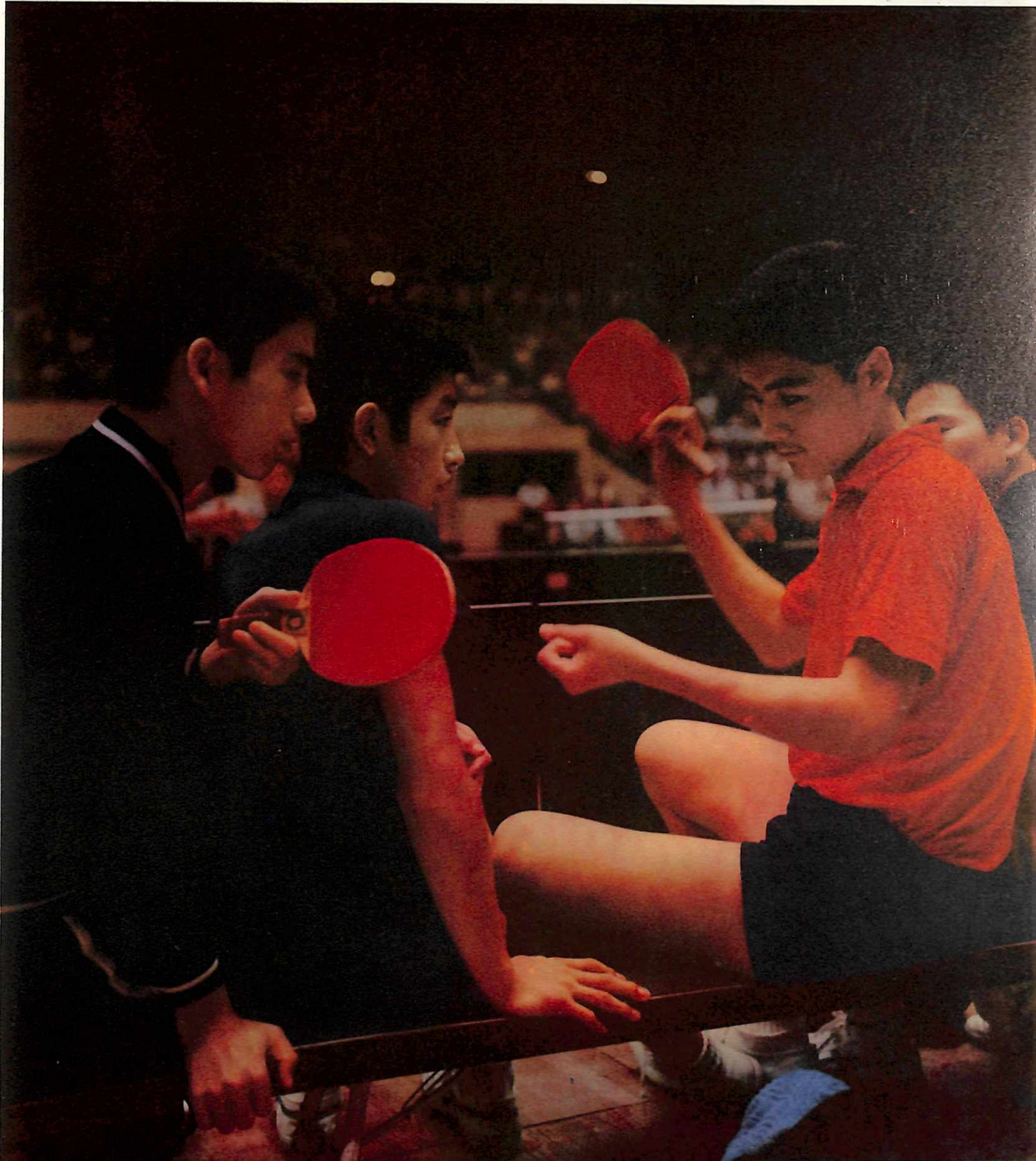


Latin American and Chinese friends at a gathering.

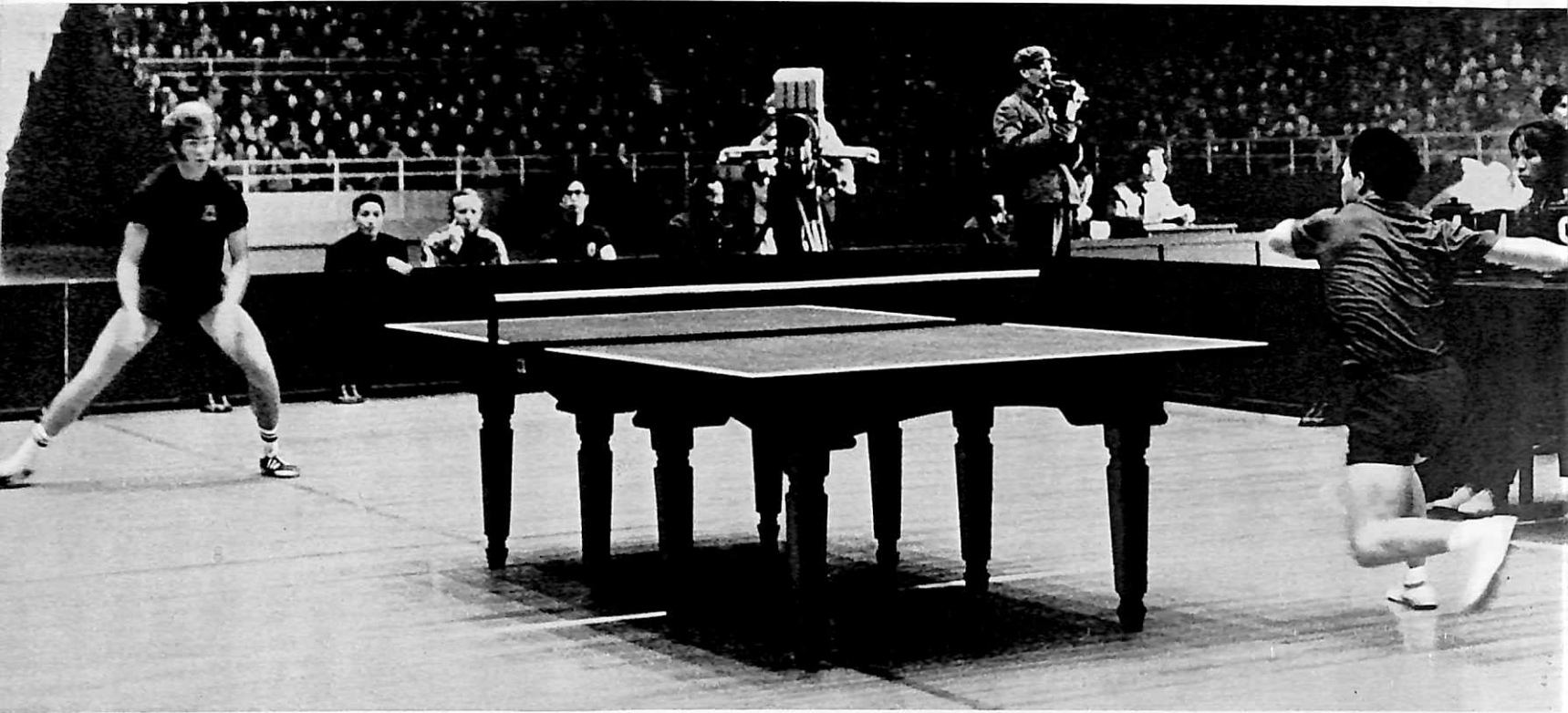
Glenn Cowan of the United States and Chuang Tse-tung exchange gifts.



Young Japanese and Chinese players learn from each other at the Capital Stadium, Peking.

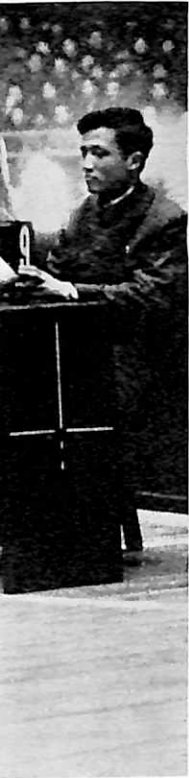


Canadian-Chinese match.



Canadian visitors inspect a truck designed and built by teachers and students of Tsinghua University.





A chat between Colombian and Chinese players.



Colombian friends at the Shanghai Industrial Exhibition.





English players give exhibition match for workers' community in Shanghai.

English team leader tries a hand at tooling a ball at a sports apparatus factory in Tientsin.





Nigerian players welcomed.

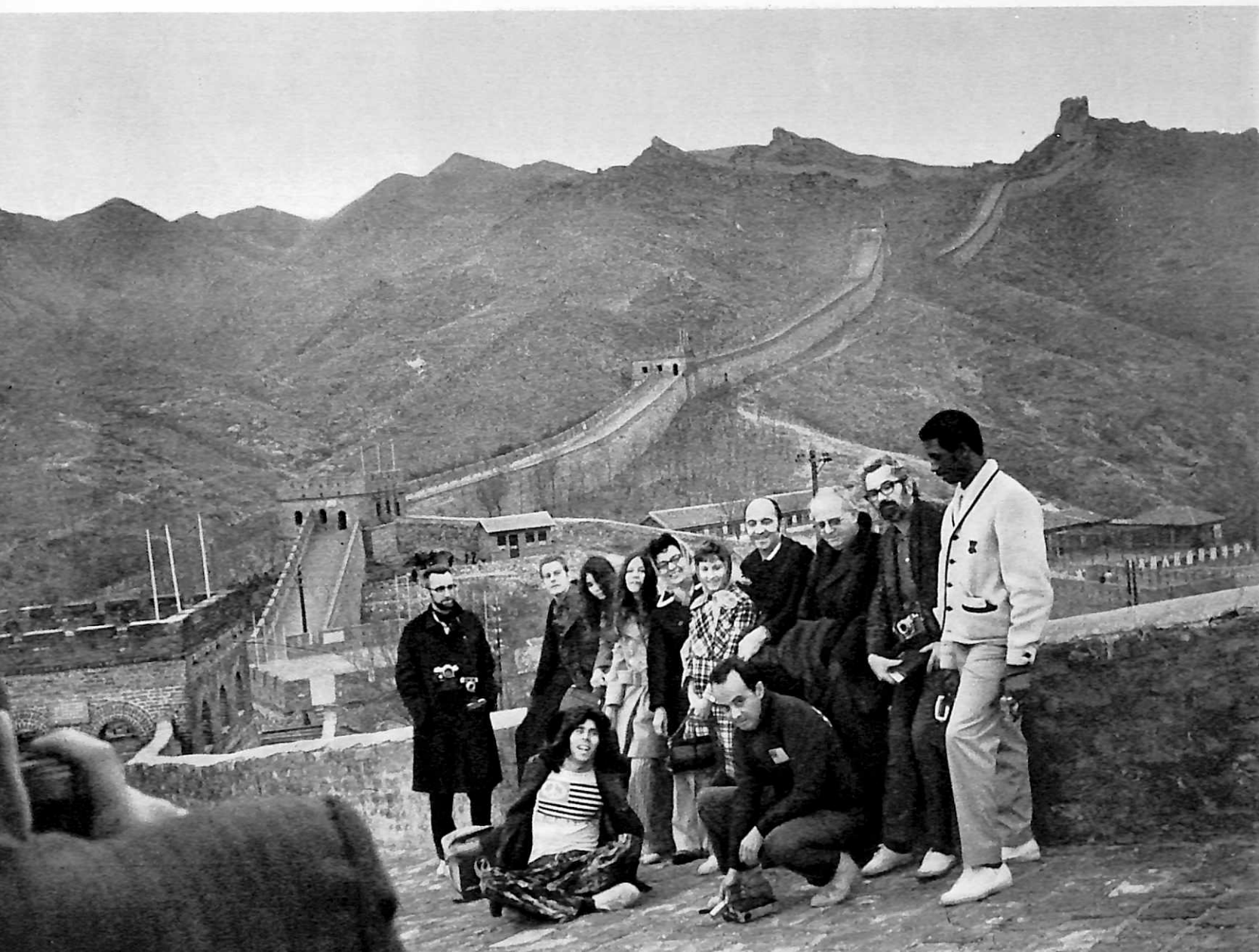
Nigerian friends at the Palace Museum in Peking.





American and Chinese players exchange techniques.

American friends on the Great Wall.





Children of Happiness Lane in Shanghai welcome Australian guests.

Australian and Chinese teams wave to spectators after a match.





Delegates of six sponsor nations — Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mauritius, Nepal, Egypt and China — met in Peking and adopted the decision to hold the Afro-Asian Table Tennis Friendship Invitational Tournament in Peking in November 1971 in order to enhance friendship and unity among Asian and African peoples and table tennis players and promote the game of table tennis on the two continents.

"Till we meet again!" — Chinese players wave goodbye to delegates of the sponsor nations.



Back cover:
Young ping-pong fans.

