



## CPML leaders meet Li Xiannian

**Beijing**—Concluding a month-long stay in China, CPML Chairman Michael Klonsky and Susan Klonsky, member of the party's central committee, met Jan. 5 with Li Xiannian, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (above).

The meeting followed visits to Hainan Island, Guangzhou (Canton) and Chengdu as well as the capital city. While in Beijing, the CPML leaders paid their respects to China's departed leader Chairman Mao Zedong by placing a wreath at the memorial hall which houses his body.

The discussion with Vice-Chairman Li ranged from the international situation and condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to the current developments in China's new "Long March on the road to modernization." Ou Tangliang, deputy head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC's Central Committee, was

also present.

During their China visit, the CPML delegation was also greeted at a banquet by China's Vice-Premier Ji Pengfei, who is head of the Liaison Department. In his speech, Ji said: "From the time of the October League to the founding of the CPML and since, we have supported each other, learnt from each other and built a deep fighting friendship between one another. Please allow me to take this opportunity to express our heart-felt gratitude to the Central Committee of the CPML for its support of our efforts to realize the socialist modernization of our country and for our counter-attack in self-defense against Vietnam."

In his speech, Michael Klonsky hailed the first anniversary of the normalized U.S.-China relations as "a great step forward for world peace and growing ties of friendship between our two peoples."