

## Letter From Chairman Birch of Central Committee of Communist Party Of Britain (M-L)

Reg Birch, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), sent a letter on September 10 on behalf of the Party's Central Committee to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, extending deepest condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The letter says: "The Central Committee of C.P.B. (M-L) is profoundly shocked and grieved to learn about Chairman Mao's death. It sends its deepest fraternal condolences to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, all comrades and the people of China."

It says: "Today revolutionaries throughout the five continents feel great sadness but also a new resolve. Mao Tsetung's work and thinking remain to instruct and illuminate the long bitter years ahead of fighting and destroying capitalism. Our strength and our determination, like that of the great Chinese people, must not falter. Then, as he wrote in one of his magnificent poems,

'We can clasp the moon in the Ninth Heaven  
And seize turtles deep down in the Five Seas:  
We'll return amid triumphant song and laughter.  
Nothing is hard in this world  
If you dare to scale the heights.'