

Premier Hua Kuo-feng Meets Prime Minister Somare

HUA Kuo-feng, Premier of the State Council, met on the afternoon of October 12 with Michael Thomas Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, and Mrs. Veronica Somare and the other distinguished guests from Papua New Guinea.

Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien was present on the occasion.

At the meeting, Premier Hua Kuo-feng, with great joy, warmly shook hands with Prime Minister and Mrs. Somare and the other guests, extending his welcome to them. Then the hosts and guests had a cordial and friendly talk.

Among the distinguished guests from Papua New Guinea attending the meeting were Anthony Siaguru, Secretary for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; John Yocklunn, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister; Robin Chow, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Miss Janet Regione, Research Officer of the Office of the Prime Minister.

Also present were Wang Hai-jung, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs; Chou Hua-min, Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade; and Madame Lin Chia-mei.



Joint Communiqué

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Papua New Guinea, in conformity with the interests and common desire of the two peoples, have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level as from 12 October, 1976. The two Governments have agreed to exchange ambassadors as soon as it is mutually

practicable and to provide each other with all necessary assistance for the performance of their diplomatic functions in their respective capitals in accordance with international practice.

The two Governments have agreed to develop diplomatic relations, friendship and co-operation between their two countries on the basis of the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity,

mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.

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Hua Kuo-feng
Premier of the
State Council of
the People's Re-
public of China

Michael Thomas
Somare
Prime Minister
of Papua New
Guinea

Peking, October 12, 1976