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Former President Nixon concludes his visit to China with a handshaking stroll through a Canton park.

Nixon Essays Greeting in Chinese

CANTON, China, Feb. 29 (UPI)—Just before leaving China today following a week-long visit, former President Nixon turned to a crowd of young people in a Canton park and shouted several times, "Chung Mei yo yei Wansui," Chinese for "Long live Chinese-American friendship."

Nixon told an inquiring American reporter that he had just learned the Chinese phrase.

"You see, I know it in Spanish. I know it in French. That's about the limit of my other languages at the moment," he said, then adding, "I know it in Polish, too."

He thought for a moment and then said it in Polish.

"It's very difficult in Polish because, you see, *in* Polish everything is backward. There are very few vowels," Nixon said.

He said his Chinese female interpreter taught him the friendship phrase.

"She spelled it out phonetically for me and then I heard her pronounce it," he said. "The main thing is, basically the quote 'long live' comes at the end.

"See, you say 'Chung Mei.' Chung is for China. Mei is for America. 'Yo yei' is for friendship. 'Wansui' then means long live.

"You want to know how it is done? Here it is, a piece of paper," Nixon said, pulling a small piece of paper from his pocket upon which the phrase was written phonetically in Chinese with the English translation under each word.

"It's a secret weapon. It will go in the Nixon library," he said. "I find that Chinese, if you learn it, is not difficult phonetically."