

Nixon Praises Chou for Helping

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Former President Nixon said yesterday that Chou En-lai's "legacy will be that he helped end the darkness."*

"Only a handful of men in the 20th century will ever match Premier Chou's impact on world history," Mr. Nixon said in a statement.

"Of the more than 100 heads of government that I have had the privilege to meet in the past 25 years

there is none who surpassed him in the keen intellect, philosophical breadth and the experienced wisdom which made him a great leader."

Mr. Nixon's reference to darkness was the result, he said, of a toast Chou made during his visit to the People's Republic of China in which Chou said "the general trend of the world is definitely toward light and not darkness."

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* he helped end the darkness.

Mr. Nixon said he was "saddened by the death" of the Chinese leader. "Only a handful of men in the 20th century