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Mao Zedong: Today, you are not the poorest under heaven. We are the poorest. We have a population of 800 million. Our leadership is now facing a crisis. The Premier (Zhou) is not in good health, he had four operations in one year and [the situation] is dangerous. Kang Sheng and Ye Jianying are not in good health either. I am 82 years old. I am very ill. [Mao points to Deng Xiaoping] Only he is young and strong.