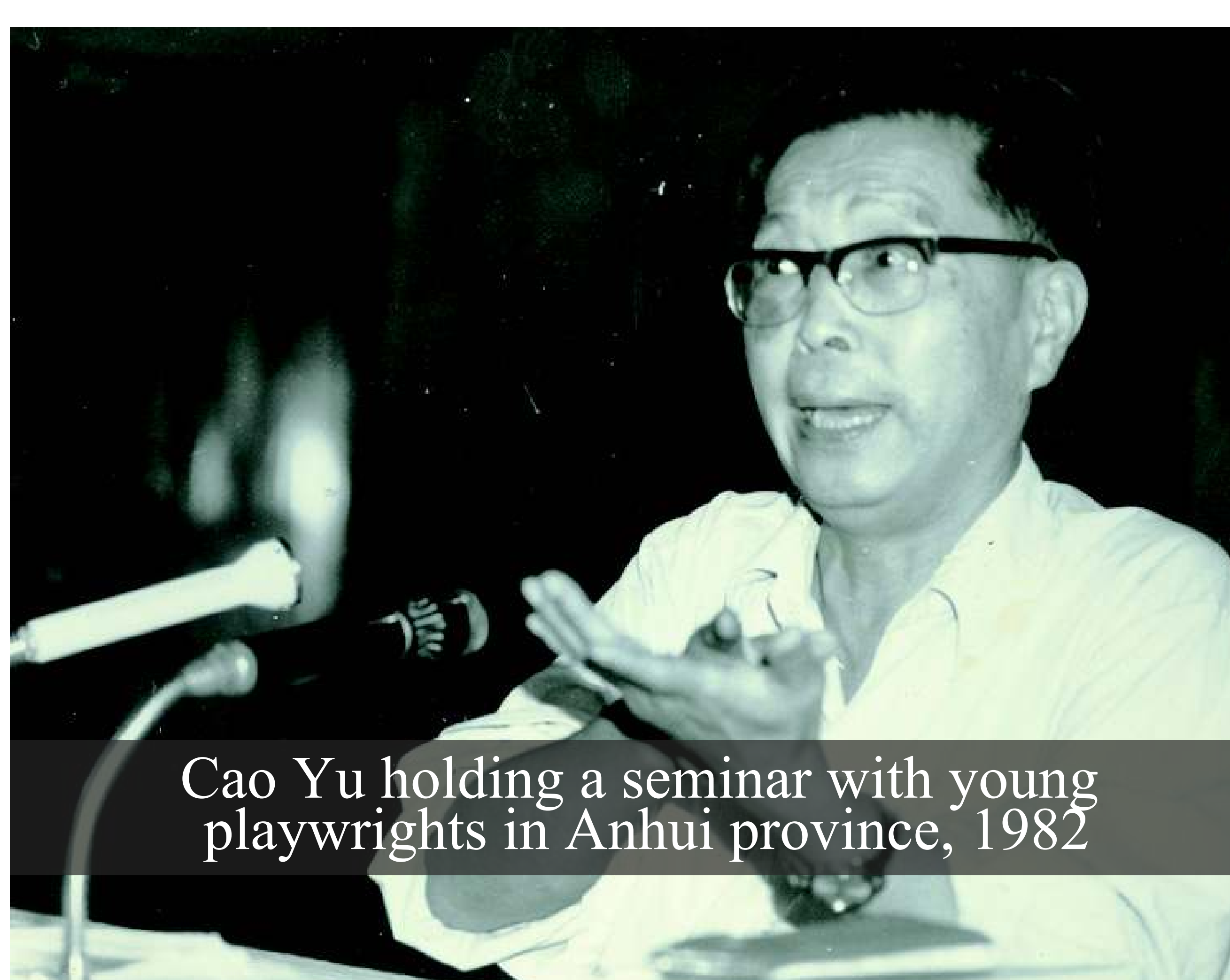
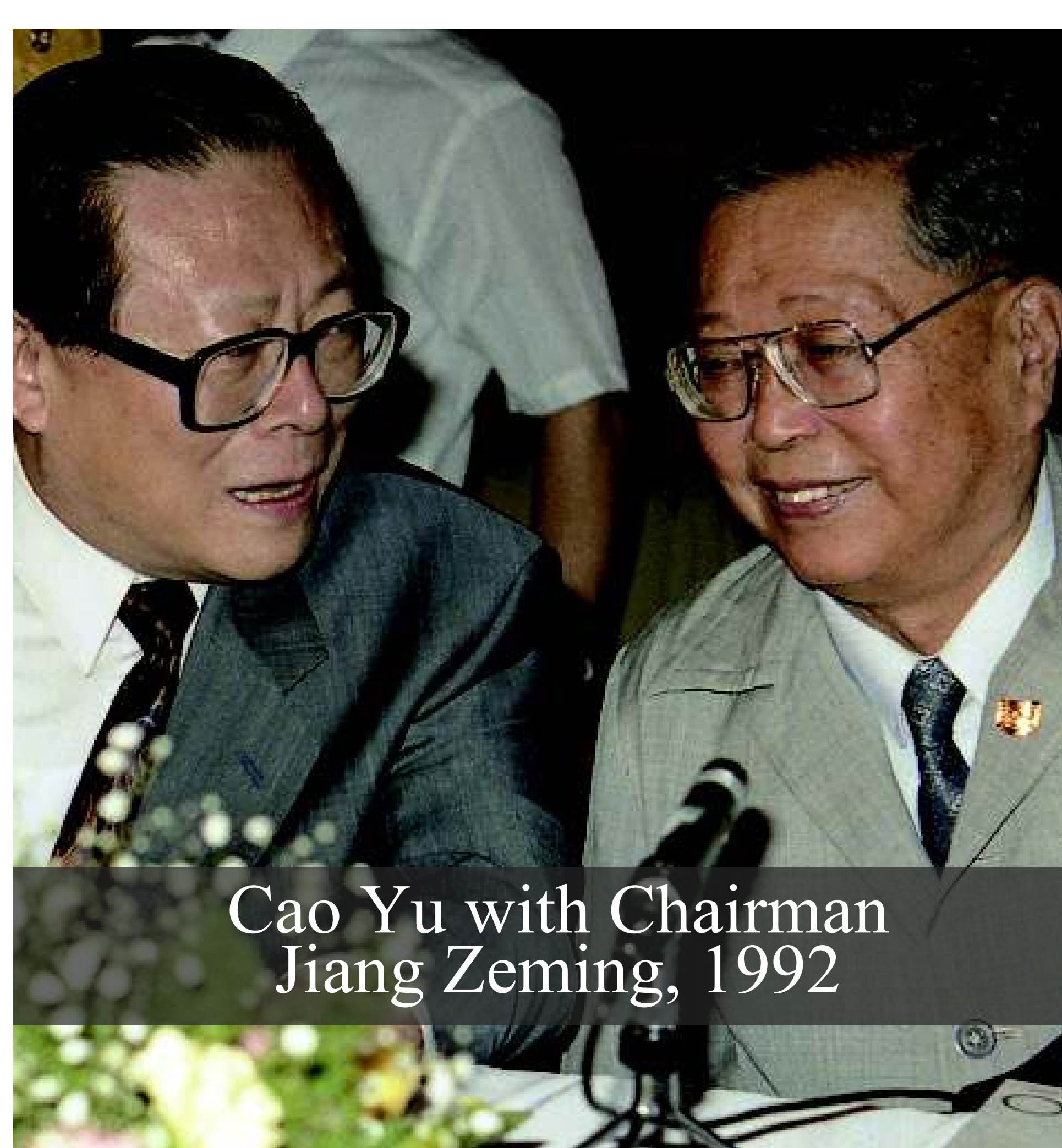


MORE THAN A PLAYWRIGHT

China is proud of Cao Yu and his plays. He was appointed to numerous high official positions, and travelled widely to fulfil his duties, meeting state leaders and appearing on public occasions. Cao Yu enjoyed running the Beijing People's Art Theatre as his day-to-day responsibility and giving talks to young playwrights as the Chairman of the All-China Dramatic Workers' Association. He also contributed in some degree to China's enthusiasm for Shakespeare in the late twentieth century by working with Shakespearean scholars and establishing the Chinese Shakespeare Association in 1986.



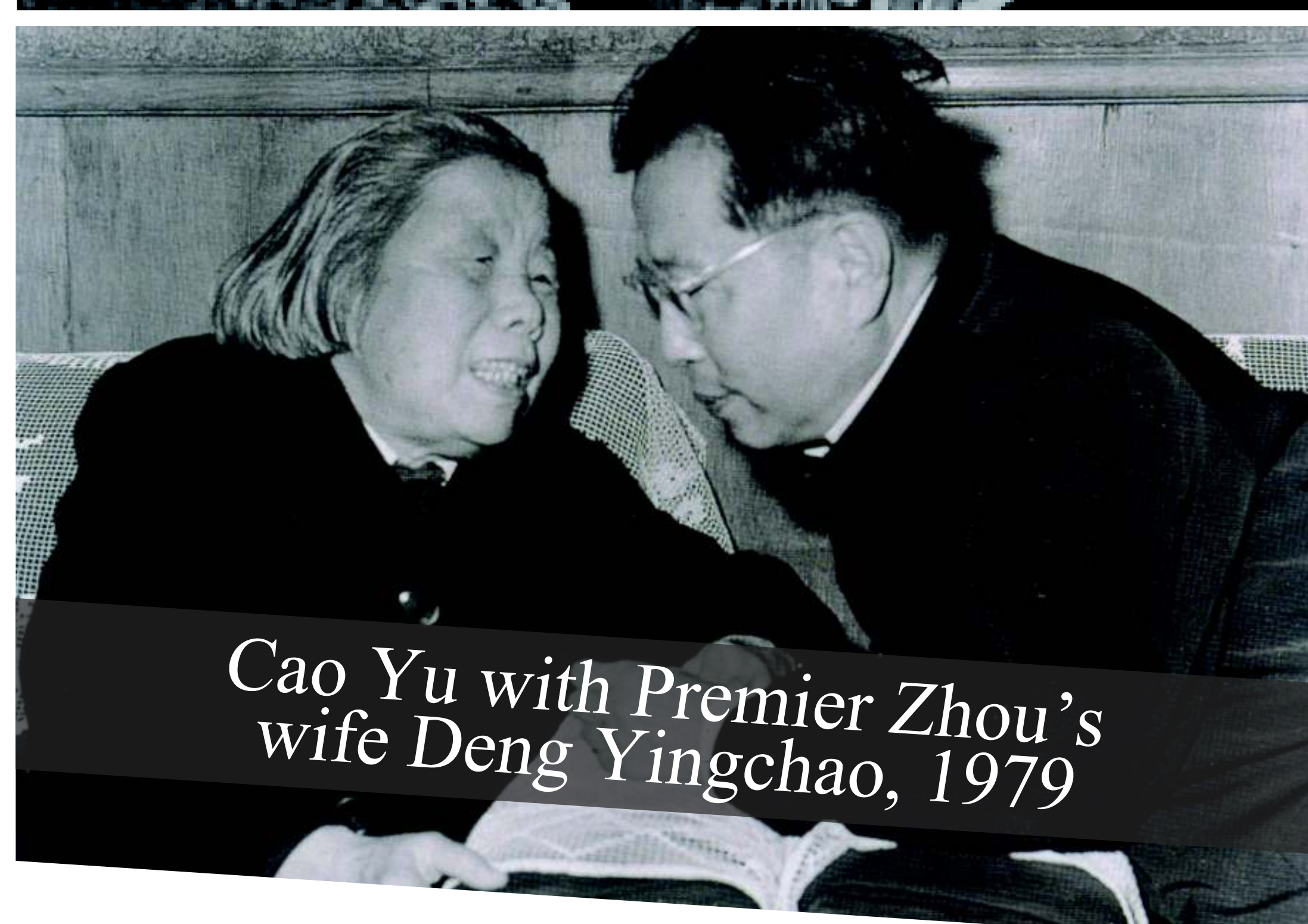
Cao Yu holding a seminar with young playwrights in Anhui province, 1982



Cao Yu with Chairman Jiang Zeming, 1992



Cao Yu with Premier Zhou Enlai, 1961



Cao Yu with Premier Zhou's wife Deng Yingchao, 1979



Cao Yu visiting the British Council, 1980