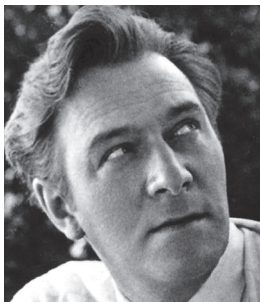
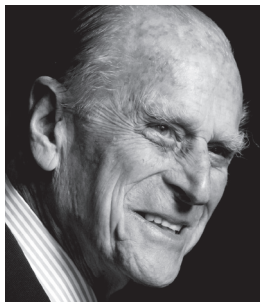


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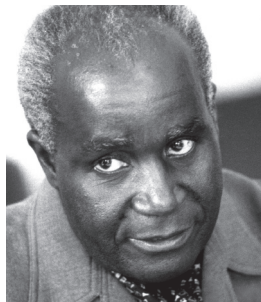
**Christopher Plummer**

**91.** Propelled to fame as ***Captain von Trapp*** in *The Sound of Music*, which opened door for award-garlanded seven-decade career



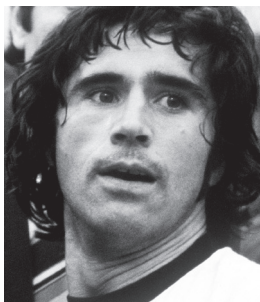
**Prince Philip**

**99.** Duke of Edinburgh, husband of ***Queen Elizabeth II*** since 1947, helped modernise monarchy and steer family through crises



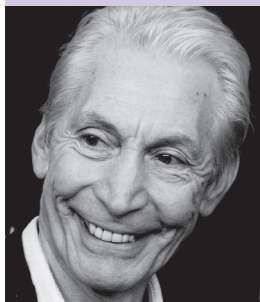
**Kenneth Kaunda**

**97.** First president of Zambia, who led his country for 27 years, was one of Africa's last surviving liberation leaders



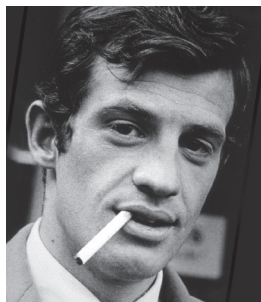
**Gerd Müller**

**75.** Legendary Bayern Munich and Germany footballer netted 68 international goals, including winner in 1974 World Cup final



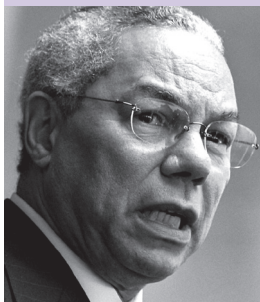
**Charlie Watts**

**80.** Strong but unflashy drummer powered ***Rolling Stones***, one of world's greatest rock and roll bands, for almost 60 years



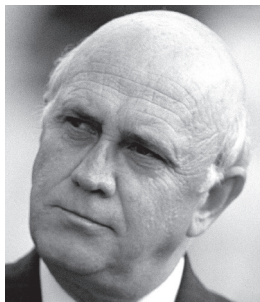
**Jean-Paul Belmondo**

**88.** Magnetic star of French New Wave cinema whose rugged looks and cynical outlook personified youthful alienation



**Colin Powell**

**84.** Trailblazing U.S. soldier and statesman whose stellar reputation was marred by his faulty claims to justify Iraq War of 2003



**F.W. de Klerk**

**85.** Last white president of South Africa, who helped dismantle apartheid and shared Nobel Peace Prize with ***Nelson Mandela***



**Stephen Sondheim**

**91.** Titan of American musical theatre was among most influential composer-lyricists of last half of 20th century