

## **April 26, 1949 Cable, Stalin to Kovalev**

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### **Summary:**

Stalin gives advice to Mao (via Kovalev) on how to treat the Chinese bourgeoisie.

### **Original Language:**

Russian

### **Contents:**

- English Translation

Mukden

To Kovalev

To No. 43

Tell Chen Yun that we, the Russian communists, are in favor of the Chinese communists not pushing away the national bourgeoisie but drawing them to cooperation as a force capable of helping in the struggle against the imperialists. Therefore [we] advise to encourage the trading activities of the national bourgeoisie both inside of China and on the outside, let's say trade with Hong Kong and with other foreign capitalists. The Chinese communists must decide for themselves which goods to buy and which to sell.