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The Chinese People's Liberation *Army* must build up its various arms, strengthen itself in modern technical equipment, strengthen its combat training and its fighting power so as to undertake the historical task of defending the motherland and opposing imperialist aggression ... This requires of the whole army that it continue to conduct profound political training of officers and men, and ceaselessly raise the level of political consciousness of the whole army.

The high morale and excellent political quality of the People's Liberation Army are always a basic factor in defeating any enemy.

"transforming itself from the past, purely land force, depending in the main on infantry for fighting, to land, naval, and air forces with various kinds of modern technical equipment and capable of waging coordinated warfare between various arms in resisting invasion.