

On Not Mentioning the Time for Attacking Taiwan and Tibet in Propaganda

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Comrade Qiaomu:

Please check whether there was any mention in past propaganda about attacking Taiwan in 1950. Someone said they saw in the New Year's Day document this year a statement about attacking Taiwan this year. Is this true? In the future, please ensure that while mentioning the intention to attack Taiwan and Tibet, no specific time is mentioned. I have already removed the task for 1951 from all congratulatory messages by various parties, as it included references to attacking Taiwan and Tibet.

Mao Zedong

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(This is a letter Mao Zedong wrote to Hu Qiaomu, Deputy Minister of the Central Propaganda Department and Director of the General Administration of the Central People's Government.)*