

## On Opinions Regarding Spring Plowing, Land Reform, and Cadre Training

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Please respond to the following points by telegram:

1. What is the current status of spring plowing? Have the Party Committees in each of your provinces and regions concentrated their primary attention on organizing and leading spring agricultural production? Can issues such as shortages of seeds, fertilizers, and food for the peasants be resolved? Is there hope for achieving a bumper harvest this year? This matter is of great importance and requires close attention.
2. The East China Bureau and Central South Bureau have been assigned to draft a land law. Have you begun this task? We hope you can complete the draft by May 10 and submit it to the Central Committee by May 15. Apart from a general land law, is there also a need to issue instructions regarding land reform work, specifying many specific methods to be followed in the reform process? Are you currently preparing such instructions? Additionally, should these instructions be issued separately by each regional Military and Administrative Committee or be issued uniformly by the GAC? In any case, whether it is the land law or land reform instructions, we hope you can submit them to the Central Committee by May 15, so that the Central Committee and GAC can make decisions in the second half of May and publish them on June 1. Furthermore, the East China Bureau has already prepared 72,000 cadres for land reform purposes and plans to concentrate and train them in the months following the promulgation of the land law to prepare for land reform. What are the cadre preparation plans of the Central South Bureau and Northwest Bureau regarding this issue?
3. Cadre training has become an extremely urgent task. Various levels of the population are generally dissatisfied with the harsh, commandist tendencies displayed by many of our cadres, particularly in grain collection, taxation, and bond collection work. If this behavior is not rectified in a timely manner, it will lead to alienation from the masses. Are you currently planning for this cadre training effort, and do you have any specific plans (steps) or instructions regarding cadre rectification?

Mao Zedong

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