

## Remarks by Mao Zedong on the Comprehensive Solution for the Huai River

(July to September 1950)

Regarding the comprehensive solution for the Huai River, in addition to the previous flood control measures, we need to consider fundamental solutions. It is necessary to start preparations now and organize large-scale Huai River diversion projects starting in the autumn, aiming to complete the diversion within a year to prevent floods next year. Please convene a discussion with relevant personnel on two issues: (1) current flood control measures and (2) fundamental Huai River diversion plans. How to proceed, please handle accordingly.

July 20, 1950

### "Remarks on the Deadline for Formulating the Huai River Diversion Plan

(August 5, 1950)

Zhou:

Please instruct the Ministry of Water Resources to formulate the Huai River diversion plan and submit it to me for review by a specified date. This plan must be completed in August, approved by the GAC, and construction should commence in early autumn. Please handle accordingly.

Mao Zedong

August 5, 1950

### Remarks on the Huai River Diversion Issue

(August 31, 1950)

Regarding the third item in this telegram concerning the alteration of the work plan in northern Jiangsu, please be attentive. The Huai River diversion must involve simultaneous efforts in the provinces of Su, Xian, and Yu. The work plans of the Party Committees in these three provinces should all center around this, and they should be informed at an early date.

Mao Zedong

### "Remarks Urging Early Commencement of the Huai River Control Project

(September 21, 1950)

Zhou:

It is now the end of September, and the commencement of the Huai River control project should not be delayed for too long. Please supervise and urge for early surveys, prompt planning, and an early start to the project.

Mao Zedong

September 21, 1950

Note:

- 1) refers to the East China Military and Political Committee.
- 2) On August 28, 1950, they reported to Zhou Enlai the opinions of the Communist Party Committee in Northern Jiangsu regarding the Huai River control. The third item in the report stated, 'If the Huai River is diverted this year, it will require mobilizing all the political, military, and civilian forces in Northern Jiangsu. The entire work plan for this year in Northern Jiangsu needs to be reconsidered, and the established arrangements for land reform, demobilization, and other work must be changed. This change in direction poses difficulties for our work this year; in addition, technical aspects, organizational aspects, ideological mobilization, riverbed relocation, and other material preparations for the Huai River control are all rushed. This will have a significant impact on next year's agricultural production and river control. If the imperative is to save Anhui North from flooding, Northern Jiangsu needs to change its entire work plan, comply with the overall Huai River diversion plan, and we should make every effort to overcome difficulties to complete the important task of controlling the Huai River.'