

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China issued the "Instructions on Further Strengthening the Work of the United Front."

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The "Instructions" consist of six contents, pointing out that the main tasks of the united front work in 1951 are:

1. It is necessary to continue to carry out the propaganda and education campaign to resist US aggression and aid Korea throughout the country, so that every person in every part of the country can receive this education.
2. It is necessary to actively win over intellectuals, businessmen, religious circles, democratic parties, and democratic personages, unite them on the basis of anti-imperialism and anti-feudalism, attract them to participate in the people's revolutionary struggle and proper work, and educate them.
3. it is necessary to strengthen the work of the Federation of Industry and Commerce and prepare for the establishment of a national federation of industry and commerce. Public enterprises must actively participate in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Party and the People's Government, through the United Front Work Department and the Financial and Economic Department, exercise operational and political leadership over the Federation of Industry and Commerce.
4. it is necessary to help the democratic parties to recruit 1-2 times the number of party members in large and medium-sized cities. Mobilize a number of progressives, center-left elements, and an appropriate number of centrist elements to join them, and help them train cadres, consolidate the organization, and raise their standards.
5. it is necessary to conscientiously carry out work among all ethnic minorities and regard the promotion of regional autonomy and the training of minority cadres as the central task.
6. it is necessary to strengthen cooperation between party and non-party personages in the organs of political power and in the consultative organs. The "Directive" also makes specific provisions on the organization and leadership of united front work at all levels.

#### Instructions on Further Strengthening the Work of the United Front

(1) In 1950, as a result of the convening of people's congresses at all levels and the establishment of people's governments at all levels, due to the initial improvement in finance and economy, the adjustment of industry and commerce, the development of cultural and educational work, and the work of ethnic minorities, especially the three major movements of resisting US aggression and aiding Korea, land reform, and suppressing counter-revolution in recent months, not only did the broad masses of working people and young students stand up more conscious and more resolute. Moreover, the broad masses of industrialists and businessmen, middle- and upper-class intellectuals, and believers of various religions have increasingly joined the people's democratic united front. Many people, who were previously suspicious and dissociated from the Communist Party of China and the people's government, have now turned to an attitude of trust and support. This was a period of unprecedented, extensive development and deepening of the people's democratic united front. The whole Party must take advantage of all the favorable conditions of this period and, on the one hand, continue to resolutely oppose imperialism, carry out agrarian reform, and suppress the counter-revolution; On the other hand, at the same time, we should actively strive for and educate all those who are willing to cooperate with us, so as to further develop the people's democratic

united front, consolidate the people's democratic dictatorship, and smoothly accomplish the great revolutionary task.

(2) The main tasks of the united front work in 1951 are:

(1) It is necessary to continue to carry out the propaganda and education campaign to resist US aggression and aid Korea throughout the country, to penetrate those who have already carried it out, and to popularize it to those who have not, so that everyone in every part of the country can receive this kind of education.

(2) It is necessary to actively win over intellectuals, businessmen, religious circles, democratic parties, and democrats on the basis of anti-imperialism and anti-feudalism, to attract them to the people's revolutionary struggle (including land reform and the suppression of counter-revolution) and to work appropriately, and to educate them.

(3) It is necessary to strengthen the work of the Federation of Industry and Commerce and prepare for the establishment of a national Federation of Industry and Commerce. Public enterprises must actively participate in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Party and the people's government, through the United Front Work Department and the Financial and Economic Department, exercise operational and political leadership over the Federation of Industry and Commerce.

(4) It is necessary to help the democratic parties to double or double the number of party members in large and medium-sized cities. Mobilize a group of progressives, center-leftists, and an appropriate number of centrist elements to join them, and help them train their cadres in order to consolidate their organizations and raise their standards.

(5) It is necessary to conscientiously carry out work among the ethnic minorities, and regard the promotion of regional autonomy and the training of their own cadres as the central task.

(6) It is necessary to strengthen cooperation between Party and non-Party personages in the organs of political power and in the consultative organs.

(3) Party committees at all levels must clearly explain to their cadres the reasons why they want to strengthen united front work. At present, there are still many party members and cadres in the party, including some high-ranking cadres, who still adopt an insufficiently positive or even negative attitude toward the united front work, the main of which is that they adopt a negative attitude toward the middle and upper class intellectuals, industrial and commercial circles, religious circles, minority nationalities, democratic parties, and democratic personages, and even despise them, and underestimate the positive role and the possibility of progress for the majority of them, as well as the leading role and educational capacity of the Communist Party and the people's government. This is wrong and contrary to the party's policy. In the past period, we have not been able to seriously explain to the party the reasons for the need to strengthen united front work, and now we must make up for this lesson and speak confidently. The propaganda departments of party committees at all levels should pay more constant attention to propaganda and education on united front work.

(4) All central bureaus, sub-bureaus, provincial, municipal, and district party committees were required to convene two meetings within 1951 to discuss united front work and to make two special reports to the Central Committee on this aspect.

(5) The Central Bureau, sub-bureaus, and provincial, municipal, and district Party committees shall assign necessary and appropriate cadres to enrich or establish the organs of the united front work

departments at all levels. Cadres who are suitable for the work of united front work departments must be professionalized as much as possible and should not be transferred lightly, and the transfer of principal cadres must be approved by the United Front Work Department at a higher level. (6) In order to ensure that the work of united front work departments is closely under the leadership of the Party committees and that they maintain close ties with other work, all central bureaus, sub-bureaus, and Party committees at all levels should constantly show concern for and inspect the work of the united front work departments. The person in charge of the United Front Work Department who attends or attends the meeting of the Party committee as an observer shall be treated in the same way as the person in charge of the organization and propaganda department. The head or vice minister of the United Front Work Department shall attend or attend the meetings of the government party group as observers. When discussing issues related to the united front, the party leading groups of the political, legal, financial, financial, cultural, and educational committees of the people's governments at all levels must notify the United Front Work Department to send people to attend the meeting as observers. The head or vice minister of the United Front Work Department may concurrently hold the post of Ministry of Personnel of the Government. The head or deputy head of the United Front Work Department shall, as far as possible, assume appropriate responsibility for the Consultative Committee. United Front Work Departments at all levels may frequently convene meetings to report on united front work, which shall be attended by certain cadres designated by the Party leading groups of Party ministries and commissions, governments, and mass organizations. In the work of united front work departments, it is necessary to strictly implement the system of reporting and requesting instructions, and oppose any anarchy and lack of discipline.

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