

1949

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

15-05--1949

Type of Meeting:

National Military Industry Conference

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Liu Shaoqi, Zhu De

Major Agenda Items:

Speeches/Reports:

Liu Shaoqi: Military and industrial comrades contributed to the People's Liberation War and were one of the decisive conditions for the victory of the war. After the war is over, we will build new industries and take over the cities. Marx said that the old state machinery must be completely smashed. If we want to establish a new democracy led by the proletariat, we cannot use the old state machinery. But don't crush banks, factories, etc. Bureaucratic capital prepared the foundation for the new democratic economy. Some improvements are also necessary. If you fail to crush something that should be crushed, or crush something that shouldn't be crushed, you will make a mistake. When we take over cities, we must pay attention to learning from our experience in industrial management and postal and telecommunications transportation, and we must not show off our seniority.

Li Fuchun (deputy secretary of the Northeast Bureau) The military industry in the Northeast should reduce and partially end the current arms production since the second half of 1949. Turn to help and restore the recovery and development of the Northeast heavy industry and begin the transition to a new national defense military industry. In order to build a new, large-scale, and advanced military industry to undertake the task of building national defense, it is necessary to develop heavy industry first. Only on the basis of a strong heavy industry can a new national defense industry be built."

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

After the meeting, the Northeast Bureau issued the "Decision on Military Industry Production" to implement the transformation work. First, streamline the organization. The 9 major offices were abolished, and the original 48 factories were merged and reorganized into 12, retaining 35,318 employees. The automobile factory, the electrical factory and their 4,479 employees were assigned to the Northeast Industry Ministry to engage in civilian production. Secondly, adjust the plan. The "Decision" pointed out that since September 1949, the output of ordinary ammunition will be reduced year by year and the production structure will be optimized. Since then, Northeast Military Industry has embarked on a new journey of building the national defense industry of New China and supporting the construction of heavy industry

Remarks: