

1950

Meetings

**Dates of Meeting:**

04-08-1950

**Type of Meeting:**

Politburo

**Place of Meeting:**

Beijing

**Attendance:**

Mao, Zhou

**Major Agenda Items:**

Korea. Gao Gang's cable, MacArthur's visit to Taiwan, B29 nuclear weapons

**Speeches/Reports:**

**Zhou** wants to intervene immediately

**Mao** opposes and wants to delay: "If the U.S. imperialists won the war, they would become more arrogant and would threaten us. We should not fail to assist the Koreans. We must lend them our hands in the form of sending our military volunteers there. The timing could be further decided, but we have to prepare for this." China should not be scared by the bomb.

"[W]e cannot but allow them to use it because we do not have [the bomb] and thus we are in no position to stop them," But "we are not afraid, and we just have to get prepared."

"If the U.S. imperialists win, they will be complacent and pose a threat for us. We cannot but help Korea in the form of volunteers. We should of course choose a good time and we have to be prepared."

**Zhou** also said, "If the U.S. imperialists push North Korea down, it will be no good for peace and they will be more arrogant. We must strive for victory and include the China factor into the war. After the China factor is added to the war, changes may take place in the international situation. We cannot but have this ambitious idea."

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

Gao Gang's cable affirms the arrival of the July 13 dispatched troops. Mao decided the troops have to be "combat ready" at the beginning of September.

**Remarks:**