

1950

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

18-10-1950

Type of Meeting:

Politburo

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Mao, Zhou just back from SU, Peng Dehuai, Gao Gang

Major Agenda Items:

Korea

Speeches/Reports:

Zhou reported on his recent visit to the USSR and outlined the limits of Soviet assistance.

Peng reported that his two vice-commanders had written him to suggest postponing intervention until the spring in light of the lack of air support and the difficulty of constructing fortifications in winter.

Peng expressed the hope that Liu Yalou would dispatch PLAAF units to support his ground forces.

Liu responded with a promise that whether or not the Soviets provided air support, he would overcome all obstacles and get Chinese pilots into the war as soon as possible.

In response, **Mao** insisted on proceeding as planned.

200000 men should cross the yalu river the following night

“Now the enemy is besieging Pyongyang, and in a few more days, he will reach the Yalujiang River.

No matter what enormous difficulties we have, we cannot change again the plan for the volunteers to cross the river to aid Korea, and the date of the crossing should not be postponed again. The volunteers should cross the river according to the original plan.”

Other Decisions and/or Actions:**Remarks:**

1. After the meeting, at 9 pm Mao [telegrammed](#) Deng Hua and other commanders of the volunteers, ordering the troops to cross the Yalujiang River in Andong and Ji'an and fight in Korea according to the original plan