

Dates of Meeting:

December 1953

Type of Meeting:

Enlarged meeting PB

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Mao

Major Agenda Items:

PLAN

Speeches/Reports:

Mao

"we must build a strong navy": (1) to get rid of disturbances by ocean pirates and protect the security of ocean channel shipping; (2) to prepare the strength to recover Taiwan at an appropriate opportunity and eventually unify our entire country; and, (3) to ready our forces to resist an invasion of imperialism from the sea. He qualified these goals, however, by noting that the navy had to be built "in a planned, progressive way in accordance with the situations regarding industrial development and finance."

Burkitt Laurie, Scobell Andrew & Wortzel Larry M. (2003). The lessons of history: the Chinese people's liberation army at 75. Page 170

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

1. The third disarmament plan was made in December 1953 to decrease the number of soldiers to 3.5 million. The aim was reached by the end of 1954.