

Type of Meeting:

6th National public security work conference

Dates of Meeting:

17-05-1954 - 17-06-1954

Place of Meeting:**Attendance:****Major Agenda Items:**

Commercial questions; role of law

Speeches and Reports:

Luo Ruiqing: May 17, 1954 "Further Reinforcing People's Public Security Work to Ensure the Smooth Implementation of the Nation's Socialist Construction and Socialist Transformation"

Chen Yun: " Report on Commercial Questions," May 25, 1954:

a shortage of goods relative to demand is a long-term phenomenon which is beneficial in that it serves as a spur to industrial and agricultural production.

Dong Biwu: June 2 ,1954 on issues concerning work in politics, law, and ideology

Peng Zhen: " Public Security Work Must Rely on the Masses": June 9, 1954 the period of major campaigns is over; we are now in the era of large-scale economic construction, and for this the need is for a more complete body of law and a greater role for the law.

Peng Zhen is said to have declared that large-scale economic development would require that mass campaigns against counterrevolutionaries be brought to an end, and that judicial work would thereafter have to be conducted according to formal, legal procedures

"The Party leads the people in formulating law, the Party also leads the people in implementing the law. The political-legal organs are dictatorship organs, they hold the great power of life and death, so they must especially place themselves under the leadership of the Party Committee at each level. If they refuse Party leadership, have a system of their own, implement vertical leadership, become divorced from the leadership of the Party Committee at each level and don't closely rely on Party leadership, then they will not be able to do their work well and will not be able successfully to complete their duties. This is especially so for the public security organs. When the time comes that they keep secrets from the Party, close off from it, only partially report the situation to the Party, or become divorced from Party leadership, then there will certainly be chaos . . ."

Luo Ruiqing: June 17, 1954 summary

Remarks:

1. Chen Yun delivered his report to a joint meeting of this conference and the [May 22_25, 1954](#), Second National Propaganda Work Conference of the CCP

2. a secretary involved in producing the minutes from the first conference:

"A very lively debate unfolded at the Ministry of Public Security's first Conference on Operational Work about how best to define our long-term policy for operational work. My role was to draft a conference summary for Luo Ruiqing and I attempted to reconcile the views of the two sides. When he saw my draft, Luo became furious. He called me aside and gave me a real dressing down, insisting that in matters of principle there was no room for compromise [tiaohe]. He then told me to right away begin drafting a new summary. Because time was very tight, as soon as I had finished a page Luo would get down to reading and revising the text. At the end, the moment we were done finalizing the summary, Luo rushed off to the conference [venue] to deliver it. The conference was a great success, but I myself was rather badly bruised from the whole affair."10