

Dates of Meeting:

18-10-1954

Type of Meeting:

CMC

Place of Meeting:**Attendance:**

Mao

Major Agenda Items:

Nuclear Warfare

Speeches/Reports:

Mao underscored Beijing's cautious actions by referring to the danger of nuclear warfare. In a speech to the Central Military Commission, Mao highlighted how the PRC was —totally ignorant in that area but he characteristically turned the technological backwardness of the PRC into a national asset:

Now our industrial, agricultural, cultural and military developments are less than desirable. Hence the imperialists ... are at liberty to bully us. They ask, —How many atomic bombs do you have?|| But they have underestimated us at least in one area, China's hidden potential strength which would be astounding once revealed in the future.

Mao also hinted at historical precedents of the Quemoy bombardment. He stressed the CCP's experiences in dealing with the KMT in the 1945 Chongqing negotiations: —The more we soundly thrashed Chiang Kai-shek, the better progress we made in negotiations.||

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