

Directives on the Party's Cultural and Educational Work (December 5, 1949)

Before the central government was established, the Party's Central Propaganda Department had to temporarily replace the central government's cultural and educational organs in managing the country's cultural and educational work. To facilitate this work, under the leadership of the Central Propaganda Department, institutions such as the Central Radio and Television Administration, the Central Publishing Commission, and the Central Film Administration were established in the past year. This was absolutely necessary before the central government was established.

Now that the central government has been established, the Cultural and Educational Commission of the GAC of the Central People's Government, which manages national cultural and educational affairs, and its subordinate ministries, academies, and agencies have also been established. The Xinhua News Agency, formerly under the Ministry, has been reorganized into the National News Agency, and the Broadcasting Administration has been reorganized into the Broadcasting Bureau. Both are now under the General Administration of Press and Publication. The Film Administration, previously under the Ministry, has been reorganized into the Film Bureau, now under the Ministry of Culture. A Publishing Bureau has been established under the General Administration of Press and Publication. The Publishing Committee and its local branches, formerly under the Ministry, should be immediately disbanded. The Xinhua Bookstore has been reorganized into the National Bookstore, under the leadership of the General Administration of Press and Publication. Aside from the aforementioned organizations being reorganized into government-affiliated units, all administrative work related to culture and education throughout the country should henceforth be managed by the central government's cultural and educational departments.

All work related to cultural and educational administration in all regions must henceforth be reported to and submitted to the Central Government's Cultural and Educational Commission or appropriate departments through the local governments and the cultural and educational organs of the Military Control Commission (the organizational regulations of which will soon be approved by the GAC). This is necessary in order to ensure that the Central Government's Cultural and Educational Commission and its subordinate departments, under the leadership of the Party (through the government's Party members) and with the participation of non-Party democratic figures, will assume the responsibility for managing the country's cultural and educational administration. This will allow the Party's Central Propaganda Department and propaganda departments at all levels to free themselves from administrative duties and focus on ideological struggle within and outside the Party, leading the Party's propaganda and agitation work, and formulating the Party's cultural and educational policies. However, the Central Propaganda Department and propaganda departments at all levels have long been very weak in these areas and must be resolutely strengthened. Regarding major issues in culture and education, all regions must continue to follow the Central Committee's directive on establishing a reporting system of January 7, 1948, the Central Committee's supplementary directive on establishing a reporting system of March 25, 1948, the Central Committee's decision on the system of requesting instructions and reporting in propaganda work of June 5, 1948, and the directive adopted by the Central Political Bureau in September 1948 regarding the reporting requirements for all Central Bureaus, Branch Bureaus, Military Regions, Military Commission Subcommittees, and Front Committees to the Central Committee. The provisions of the resolutions and other documents on the system must be reported to and submitted to the Central Committee through the Party system.