

Decision of the CPC Central Committee on Strengthening the Leadership of the Financial and Economic Departments of the Central People's Government

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Since the national construction plan has begun this year, and striving to complete and exceed the 1953 construction plan has become the overriding central task throughout the year, it is therefore essential for the entire Party to further strengthen its leadership over financial and economic work, especially over the work of the various financial and economic departments of the Central People's Government. To this end, the Central Committee hereby makes the following decision:

I. Given that during the past period of national economic recovery, the leadership focus of the GAC's Financial and Economic Committee, due to practical needs and manpower limitations, was primarily placed on departments such as finance, banking, trade, railways, and water conservancy, while the leadership of other departments generally did not receive equal attention; and given that the number of units under the Financial and Economic Committee has greatly increased compared to the past, and that the leadership tasks in finance, banking, and domestic and foreign trade will become increasingly heavy in the future, the leadership affiliation of the various financial and economic departments under the Central People's Government should be temporarily adjusted as follows to facilitate large-scale economic construction:

A. The Ministry of Heavy Industry, the First Ministry of Machine Building, the Second Ministry of Machine Building, and the Fuel Industry under the Central People's Government. The Ministry of Construction Engineering, the Ministry of Geology, the Ministry of Light Industry, and the Ministry of Textile Industry were placed under the leadership of Comrade Gao Gang, Chairman of the State Planning Commission. The Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Communications, and the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, under the Central People's Government, were placed under the leadership of Comrade Deng Xiaoping, Vice Premier of the GAC. The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Forestry, the Ministry of Water Resources, and the All-China Federation of Cooperatives, under the Central People's Government, were placed under the leadership of Comrade Deng Zihui, Vice Chairman of the State Planning Commission. The All-China Federation of Cooperatives should maintain contact with the Finance and Economics Commission in its business operations. The Ministry of Labor, under the Central People's Government, was placed under the leadership of Comrade Rao Shushi, a member of the Planning Commission.

The Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Grain, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the People's Bank of China, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, and the State Grain Reserves Bureau, under the Central People's Government, remained under the leadership of Comrade Chen Yun, Director of the Finance and Economics Commission. During Comrade Chen Yun's retirement, Comrade Bo Yibo acted as his deputy.

II. To enable the State Planning Commission to better undertake the newly added tasks, its leadership and organization needed to be strengthened. Specific measures included:

A. Appointing Comrades Li Fuchun and Jia Tuofu, former Vice Chairmen of the Finance and Economics Commission, as Vice Chairmen of the State Planning Commission to assist Comrade Gao Gang in leading the work of the industrial sectors.

B. The State Construction Bureau and the State Materials Distribution Bureau shall be established under the State Planning Commission. The Urban Construction Bureau, formerly under the Ministry of Construction Engineering, shall be merged into the State Construction Bureau; the Materials Distribution Bureau, formerly under the Finance Commission, shall be merged into the State Materials Distribution Bureau. Comrade Lü Dong, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, shall be appointed Director of the State Construction Bureau and a member of the State Planning Commission. Comrade Han Zheyi, Vice Chairman of the Finance Commission of the North China Administrative Committee, shall be appointed Director of the State Materials Distribution Bureau and a member of the State Planning Commission.

The Organization Department of the Central Committee shall be instructed to quickly select cadres to establish and strengthen the State Construction Bureau and the State Materials Distribution Bureau, namely, to select several bureau, division, and section-level cadres from various central bureaus (three to five cadres at or above the section chief level from each central bureau) and various central ministries, and to select an appropriate number of outstanding personnel from returned technical personnel nationwide, and assign them to the State Construction Bureau and the State Materials Distribution Bureau so that they can be quickly established and begin operation.

III. Due to the aforementioned changes, the division of responsibilities among the current government leaders to the Central Committee, as listed in the draft decision of the CPC Central Committee on March 10th regarding strengthening the system of reporting to the Central Committee by various departments of the Central People's Government and strengthening the Central Committee's leadership over government work, should also be changed as follows for those concerning state planning and financial and economic work:

State planning and industrial work shall be the responsibility of Comrades Gao Gang, Li Fuchun, and Jia Tuofu;

finance, banking, and trade work shall be the responsibility of Comrades Chen Yun, Bo Yibo, Zeng Shan, and Ye Jizhuang;

railway, transportation, and postal and telecommunications work shall be the responsibility of Comrade Deng Xiaoping;

agriculture, forestry, water conservancy, and cooperative work shall be the responsibility of Comrade Deng Zihui;

and labor work and wage issues shall be the responsibility of Comrade Rao Shushi.

IV. After the leadership and subordinate relationships of the various financial and economic departments under the Central People's Government are adjusted according to the above provisions, the GAC of the Central People's Government should issue a formal notification within the government regarding these adjustments, and must stipulate the communication relationships between relevant departments and the system of reporting to the Central Committee to facilitate the work.