

## Central Forwarding of the East China Bureau's Instructions on How to Treat Members of Democratic Parties in the Anti-counterrevolutionary Campaign (March)

To all Central Bureaus, Sub-bureaus, Provincial Committees, Municipal Committees, and District Party Committees:

Regarding the registration, review, arrest, and interrogation of members of democratic parties in the anti-counterrevolutionary campaign 23-03-1951

The East China Bureau issued a clear directive on March 9th, which the Central Committee considers to be correct. All provinces and cities may follow suit.

Central Committee

Note 1: Refers to the directive issued by the East China Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on March 9, 1951, to the Shandong Sub-bureau and the directives to the party committees of various provinces, cities, and districts. The directive points out:

In Shanghai, during the registration of reactionary cliques and spies, the Public Security Bureau mobilized members of various friendly parties to register, and even arrested members of friendly parties without sufficient evidence. This practice has now been stopped. Similar incidents have occurred in other parts of East China and should be promptly corrected. According to the instructions of the Central Public Security Department, generally, members of democratic parties should not be registered to avoid unnecessary or even harmful disturbances. As for hidden counterrevolutionaries in democratic parties, their identification should be handled by intelligence rather than registration, and all regions must strictly adhere to this. Historical issues of members of friendly parties should be resolved by the respective friendly parties as part of the purge process and handled internally. Current offenders among members of friendly parties may be arrested, but evidence must be solid. For other evidence-based spies and counterrevolutionaries, arrests must be agreed upon by the Public Security Department and the United Front Work Department before being carried out. For the interrogation of current offenders and other counterrevolutionaries, efforts should be made to ensure the participation of party members from their respective parties.