

Regarding the telegram approving the integration of the Three-Anti Campaign and the reorganization work to Chen Yi:

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Comrade Chen Yi, and to all major military regions, volunteer army, and central bureaus:

The lengthy telegram of December 25th and the short telegram of December 26th have been read and understood. Please proceed accordingly. Our policy is that the struggle against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy must be combined with the reorganization work, and we must strive to complete the first phase of reorganization by the end of March. With tight control and good coordination, this can be achieved. However, if the Three-Anti Campaign hinders the reorganization work, it is preferable to delay it slightly (for example, by half a month) to complete the reorganization. Under no circumstances should personnel undergoing reorganization be allowed to carry the spirit of corruption, waste, and bureaucracy into their new roles or schooling, as Comrade Chen Yi has rightly pointed out. Reports from the North China and Northwest military regions, South China military region, and Guangxi military region have all confirmed compliance with this approach. Comrades Li Da and Wang Xinting reported yesterday in Beijing that the Southwest is also following suit. The Central-South military region must pay attention to this point, ensuring that reorganization and the Three-Anti Campaign are carried out in conjunction; neither can be neglected. If lower-level military regions are unclear, they must be clearly and resolutely instructed. This is of utmost importance.

Mao Zedong

Notes:

1. Chen Yi, then Commander of the East China Military Region of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.
2. Refers to Chen Yi's report to Mao Zedong on December 25, 1951, regarding the decision of the senior cadres of the East China Military Region on the implementation steps for reorganization, career transition, and troop work in 1952, which was reported to the Central Military Commission, the General Political Department, and the East China Bureau.
3. Refers to the telegram from Chen Yi to Mao Zedong on December 26, 1951. The telegram expressed firm support for conducting a campaign against corruption, waste, and bureaucracy before reorganization, and pointed out that it had been found recently that some units proceeded with reorganization without first addressing corruption, leading to illegal appropriation of property. Such individuals, carrying with them the spirit of waste and bureaucracy, or even corruption, will inevitably cause significant political damage and passivity. The East China troops plan to focus on anti-corruption and waste in January, combined with reorganization, and prioritize reorganization in February and March, combined with anti-corruption and waste. After March, anti-corruption and waste will be deepened into various aspects of establishing financial and economic work systems, striving to ensure that the reorganization of 400,000 to 450,000 personnel by the end of March is not affected.
4. Li Da, then Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Southwest Military Region of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. Wang Xinting, then Deputy Director of the Political Department of the Southwest Military Region of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.