

1950

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

11-03-1950

Type of Meeting:

PLA

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Mao Zedong, Su Yu, Xiao Jinguang, leaders of regional bureaus

Major Agenda Items:

Taiwan campaign

Speeches/Reports:

Senior General Xiao Jinguang, PLAN commander, and Senior General Su Yu discuss the first detailed plan to liberate Taiwan. According to their plan, the Third Field Army and the navy would deploy five hundred thousand troops to attack Taiwan. They planned to make two landing waves. In the first wave, the Third Field Army would land its Seventh and Ninth army groups, including six infantry armies, three hundred thousand troops. The second wave would consist of its Tenth Army Group, including three infantry armies, plus other three armies, about two hundred thousand troops. In the meantime, the Fourth Field Army would prepare its Thirteenth Army Group, including three infantry armies, as a reserve for the attack. Three more armies of the Nineteenth Army Group would be deployed along the coast as a mobile force. Total forces for the invasion of Taiwan would be around eight hundred thousand men. In April, the CMC approved the Su-Xiao plan. The Third Field Army began its landing training in late spring

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

PLAN still has not enough vessels

Remarks:

October 1949, Soviet help seemed even more vital. On January 11, 1950, Liu Shaoqi reported to Mao in Moscow that,

I have transmitted to you all the operational war material with regard to Zhoushan, Taiwan, Jinmen, and Hainan Island* According it [PLA Commander] Su Yu's report, if there is neither air support nor some measure of needed naval support, cross-sea amphibious offensive warfare [against Taiwan] is impossible, and recent reports regarding Hainan Island and Jinmen bear this out.