

1950

Meetings

**Dates of Meeting:**

13-08-1950

**Type of Meeting:**

CPV meeting

**Place of Meeting:**

Shenyang

**Attendance:**

Gao Gang

**Major Agenda Items:**

in accordance with Mao's instructions, the Thirteenth Army Group held a general meeting to educate and prepare Chinese officers

**Speeches/Reports:**

**Gao Gang**, Commanding Officer and Political Commissar of the Northeast Military District, explained the purpose and significance of getting ready for China's entry into the war.

"Going to Korea will be done in the name of the Volunteer Army, [hereafter referred to as the Chinese Volunteer Army, or CVA] wearing North Korean uniform and using the North Korean unit numbers, and flying the flag of the Korean People's Army, and major cadres must adopt Korean names."

He even instructed the major officers and cadres to use Korean names. He ordered that each preparation task should be assigned to a specific person, carried out strictly, and completed on time

**Deng Hua**, commander of the 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, reported on studies he and his staff had conducted concerning how to fight the U.S. Deng argued that Chinese forces could rely on their "fine traditions" and "tactical specialties" to contend with superior U.S. firepower. More specifically, he was confident that China's forces would be able to generate local superiority despite the other side's greater firepower. In fact, the CPV could fight just as communist forces had in the revolution: by seeking out weak points in the adversary's lines, encircling them with numerically superior forces, and then destroying them before reinforcements could arrive. Deng also suggested the CPV could catch the enemy off-guard with "sudden, speedy" (*turan, xunsu*) advances. These would minimize the opportunities for the U.S. to use its greater firepower, highlighting instead the importance of close-in combat, at which the Chinese forces excelled. In addition, Deng noted several times how the Chinese soldiers' ability to fight "bravely" (*yonggande*) and "boldly" (*dadande*) would allow them to conduct these types of operations against a much better-armed opponent. After Mao received the conference report on August 15, he pronounced its conclusions "correct."

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

**Remarks:**