

1950

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

27-03-1950 – 06-04-1950

Type of Meeting:

Enlarged PB meeting

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Mao Zedong attended by leaders of major regions

Major Agenda Items:

to discuss issues such as finance and the economy, land reform, and military affairs.

Speeches/Reports:

Mao Zedong said: "After the establishment of the Central People's Government, the main focus has been on the fiscal issue. The current improvement in the fiscal and economic situation is only a fiscal improvement, not an economic improvement; the fiscal improvement can only be described as a beginning. A fundamental improvement requires the completion of land system reform. We have already won a victory in the fiscal aspect; now the focus should shift to the economy, to adjusting industry and commerce." Addressing the erroneous tendency among some Party cadres to squeeze out private industry and commerce, he pointed out: "Cooperation with the bourgeoisie is certain; otherwise, the Common Program would be a dead letter, politically disadvantageous and economically detrimental. 'Even if we don't care about the monks, we should care about the Buddha.' Maintaining private industry and commerce firstly maintains production; secondly, it maintains the workers; and thirdly, the workers can receive some welfare. Of course, it also gives capitalists a certain profit. But comparatively speaking, developing private industry and commerce at present is more beneficial to workers and the people than to capitalists." He further stated: "We are a large party, and we must pay special attention to strategy. Especially now that we have won, to consolidate our victory, we must pay even more attention and oppose 'leftist' thinking and practices.

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

Remarks: