

1954

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

15-11-1954 – 25-11-1954

Type of Meeting:

Special meeting

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

all members of the Politburo and other Central Committee members

Major Agenda Items:

5-year plan: issues were oil, agriculture, and transportation

Speeches/Reports:

Bo Yibo said that oil was a critical issue and suggested that a special group be organized to study it.

Chen Yun said that once oil resources were found, investment should be made to meet them, and the main approach now was to ask the Soviet Union to send a complete team to help us with exploration.

Chen Yun said that changes in the agricultural plan would affect the entire plan, which was a huge problem. After comparing and studying the agricultural plan of Czechoslovakia and analyzing the grain growth in China during the economic recovery period and in 1953 and 1954, he concluded that agriculture was the weakest link.

Wang Shoudao criticized the draft Five-Year Plan for placing transportation after commerce in its order. He argued that, according to the production order, it should be industry, agriculture, transportation, and commerce, not industry, agriculture, commerce, and transportation. Chen Yun interjected, "How to implement this arrangement could be considered."

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

Remarks: