

Pay attention to the participation of representatives of the liberal bourgeoisie in work (April 7, 1949)

Deng Raochen [1]:

(1) Whether the water regime of the Yangtze River will change significantly within one month (from early April to early May), please check immediately.

(2) The main leaders of the Shanghai Democratic National Construction Association Huang Yanpei, Zhang Naiqi, Sheng Pihua, Bao Dasan, Zhang Yanbo, Shi Fuliang and others have arrived in Beijing and expressed their closeness to us. They are representatives of Shanghai's free bourgeoisie. We believe that without the help of the liberal bourgeoisie in taking over and managing Shanghai, great difficulties may occur. It is difficult to deal with the powerful coalition forces of imperialism, bureaucratic capital, and the Kuomintang, and it is difficult to isolate these hostile forces. You should start paying attention to this matter now. Therefore, please consider whether it is necessary to recruit them to participate in certain jobs before occupying Shanghai. After the occupation of Shanghai, more such figures should be attracted to work. If they are allowed to participate in the work, which method is appropriate, and whether it is appropriate to set up some kind of consulting agency such as the Senate Room, please consider replying.

(3) This is not only the case in Shanghai, but the entire Beijing-Shanghai-Hangzhou region should pay attention to this point.

(4) Huang Yanpei's telegram to Comrade Chen Yi [2] should be answered.

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Notes

[1] Deng refers to Deng Xiaoping, who was the first secretary of the East China Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and political commissar of the Second Field Army at that time. Rao refers to Jao Shushi, who was the second secretary of the East China Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and political commissar of the East China Military Region at that time. Chen refers to Chen Yi, who was the third secretary of the East China Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, commander and political commissar of the Third Field Army at that time.

[2] Refers to the telegram that Huang Yanpei sent to Chen Yi on March 28, 1949, in which it said: "My brother has arrived in peace today, and I pay my respects to my brother Yao, shake hands and welcome, it is not far away, cherish it."