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Title: Speech to the Central People's Government Council

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Description: This speech should be read in conjunction with proposals made by the CPPCC to the Central People's Government

Throughout the country, military activities on the mainland have already ended, land reform ¹ has already been basically accomplished, and people from all walks of life have become organized. Therefore, the conditions are now ripe for convening, according to the stipulation of the Common Program of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, ² the National People's Congress ³ and people's congresses at each local level. ⁴ This is a great victory achieved by the Chinese people only after decades of struggling for democracy with bloodshed and sacrifice. The convening of the [National] People's Congress will further give full play to the people's democracy and strengthen national construction and the struggle to Resist U.S. Aggression and Aid Korea. ⁵ The government based on a system of people's congresses will remain a government based on the united front of all nationalities, all democratic classes, all democratic parties, and all people's organizations ⁶ throughout the country. It will serve the interests of the entire people of the country.

Notes

1 See text Mar. 1951, note 1.

2 See text Sept. 21, 1949, note 3. Mao is referring particularly to articles 2, 12, and 14 of the Common Program.

3 The First Session of the NPC was ultimately held on September 15-28, 1954, in Beijing.

4 See text June 6, 1950(1), note 10.

5 See text Feb. 18, 1951, note 1.

6 See text Sept. 21, 1949, note 1, and text Oct. 1, 1949, note 2.

7. Drafting commission established. Mao Zedong the Chairman. With him were thirty-two additional members of the commission. They were: Zhu De, Song Qingling, Li Jishen, Li Weihuan, He Xiangning, Shen Junru, Shen Yanbing, Zhou Enlai, Lin Boqu, Lin Feng, Hu Qiaomu, Gao Gang, Ulanhu, Ma Yinchu, Ma Xulun, Chen Yun, Chen Shutong, Chen Jiageng, Chen Boda, Zhang Lan, Guo Moruo, Xi Zhongxun, Huang Yanpei, Peng Dehuai, Cheng Qian, Dong Biwu, Liu Shaoqi, Deng Xiaoping, Deng Zihui, Seypidin Azizi, Bo Yibo and Rao Sushi