

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party Issues Telegram on Propaganda Work After the Withdrawal of Chinese and Korean Troops from Seoul

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The telegram, reviewed and revised by Zhou Enlai and issued on behalf of the Central Committee to all central and regional bureaus and major military regions, emphasized that before the enemy is massively eliminated, their advance will not cease. The mission of the War to Resist U.S. Aggression and Aid Korea lies in defeating U.S. imperialism and liberating Korea. To achieve this, it is necessary to annihilate large numbers of enemy forces rather than becoming overly concerned with gains or losses of individual cities or areas. While it would be ideal for Seoul to remain in the hands of the Korean People's Army, if a choice must be made between holding the city and annihilating the enemy—as the experience of the Chinese people's revolutionary war has shown—it is more advantageous to choose the latter.

Previously, on March 14, the Chinese People's Volunteers and the Korean People's Army voluntarily withdrew from Seoul.