

1949

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

04-05-1949 – 11-05-1949

Type of Meeting:

National Youth Congress

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Liao Chengzhi, Jiang Nanxiang, and Feng Wenbin Representatives present at the Conference: 552
Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi and Zhu De

Major Agenda Items:

Speeches/Reports:

Zhu De

Liu Shaoqi: delivered a speech, mainly talking about the Tianjin inspection. When talking about the issue of the Youth League, I advocated organizing it according to production units. It is not necessary to organize the Youth League, Women's Federation and Party branch in every street. Both the Youth League and the Women's Federation should actively participate in trade union work and should not compete or conflict with trade unions, let alone compete for members with trade unions. The work in the factory is first of all the work of the trade union. If the trade union cannot be run well, the Youth League and other work will also be run poorly.

Zhou Enlai: [Political report](#) 7 May 1949 and put forward the slogan, "Youth of the whole country, unite, march on under the banner of Mao Tse-tung." Facts of the revolutionary movement in the past 30 years show that our Chinese people have their own leader in Mao Tse-tung "Chairman Mao was correct in the four revolutionary stages of China, representing as he did the correct direction of the Chinese people." "The whole party recognizes this leader and obeys him willingly and sincerely. He has the support of the people." "Studying Mao Tse-tung" and "studying the whole system of Mao Tse-tung's thinking" we must not only adhere to the orientation, principles and truths pointed out by Chairman Mao but also implement the concrete policies and strategies formulated by Chairman Mao and combine political firmness with strategic flexibility. Zhou admonished the young people to "practice rather than preach,"

He also defined Chairman Mao's idea on the united front and stressed the great significance of uniting the masses of young people to participate in building the new China. He pointed out that at any time our policy and slogans must represent the interests of the great majority of the people. We must take care of the great majority, always think of the "90 percent" and strive to rally the broadest masses of people around the proletariat instead of confining ourselves to the narrowest circle. Zhou taught the delegates to the congress not to abandon and exclude those young people who are ideologically backward. Instead, we must rally them well and organize them to study together, seek a higher level together and advance together

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

- The All-China Federation of Democratic Youth was founded at this session. It was later renamed the All-China Youth Federation.
- It elected the First National Committee of the All-China Democratic Youth General Federation. Liao Chengzhi was elected President of the First National Committee. The Conference also adopted the Charter of the ACYF.
- It is a federative body of Chinese youth organizations with the Communist Youth League of China as the core.
- Party direction the All-China Federation of Democratic Youth and other youth groups, is exercised chiefly through the New Democratic Youth League (NDYL), the Party auxiliary and the ultimate source of leadership and policy-making for the entire Chinese youth movement.

Remarks:

1. At that time, Ren Bishi was in charge of the Youth League, and made preparations for May 4 opening of the National Youth Congress. When he was already ill, he personally drafted the political report
2. Chairman Mao wrote an inscription for the congress: "Unite the young people in various fields to participate in new democratic construction work."
3. Mao Cable to Stalin re Ren Bishi Coming to Moscow for Treatment Nov. 21, 1949 Comrade Filippov: A member of the CCP Politburo, Comrade Ren Bishi, has a very serious illness. Soviet doctors are of the opinion that he

should go to Moscow for treatment and we agree with this opinion. [We] don't know if it is possible and are asking you for an answer.

4. President: Liao Chengzhi Deputy Presidents: Qian Junrui, Xie Xuehong, Qian Sanqiang, Sha Qianli Secretary-General: Wu Han Members: 87 Alternate members: 22 Members of the Standing Committee: 25



All-China Federation of Democratic Youth . Front row: Mei Yi, Gao Tong, Ceng Yu, Fan Xiaofeng (female), Gong Peng (female), Dong Xin, Yang Wen, Second row: Xu Ying, Yang Disheng, Liao Chengzhi, He Li, Heqi Fang, Qian Sanqiang, Wu Han.

第一排左起：梅益、高棠、曾愚、范小凤（女）、龚彭（女）、董昕、杨文；

第二排左起：徐盈、杨涤生、廖承志、何礼、何其芳、钱三强、吴晗。