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Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

05-07-1950 – 27-07-1950

Type of Meeting:

1st National Conference on Cooperative Workers

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Liu Shaoqi , BoYibo , Cheng Zihua

Major Agenda Items:**Speeches/Reports:**

Liu Shaoqi: "The state-owned economy should exercise leadership over cooperatives by economic means, exercising leadership through relations laid down by contracts and through pricing policies rather than demanding political and legal leadership"

summarizing the experience of the cooperative movement in the liberated areas and the early days of the founding of New China, and expounding the nature, role and policy of running cooperatives. It is pointed out that at present, there are mainly three types of cooperatives that should be organized, namely consumer cooperatives among workers and urban working people, supply and marketing cooperatives among farmers, and handicraft production cooperatives among urban and rural handicraftsmen. A cooperative is an independent mass organization and an economic organization of the masses. Cooperation is a great cause with a bright future and hope

Bo Yibo: SMCs (Supply and Marketing Cooperatives) were established in various levels from provinces to villages. But they were operating as ordinary commercial shops and hardly played a role in connecting peasants with urban centers, not to mention its alleged function of regulating the peasant economy.

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

[Cooperative Law of the People's Republic of China \(Draft\)](#)

[Articles of the All-China Cooperative Federation \(Draft\)](#)

Remarks:

Liu Shaoqi made three detailed revisions