

**Dates of Meeting:**

15-09-1950 – 25-09-1950

**Type of Meeting:**

1st National Conference on National Conference on Publishing

**Place of Meeting:**

Beijing

**Attendance:**

321 delegates attended this session, including representatives from the central government and publishing administrative agencies of all regions and ethnic groups, people's organizations, public and private publishing, printing, distribution industries, magazine agencies, and newspaper vendors.

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

Hu Yuzhi, director of the General Administration of Publishing, made a report entitled "On People's Publishing and Its Development Direction. See RMRB 28-09-1950

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

There are still quite serious unplanned and unorganized phenomena in the publishing industry. In order to overcome this phenomenon, both public and private publishing industries should strive for conditions and gradually implement the policy of publishing and distribution, division of labor between publishing and printing, and publishing specialization.

In order to cooperate with the literacy education and cultural and political education of workers, peasants and soldiers, a large number of popular books and periodicals should be published, including amateur textbooks, political knowledge, production knowledge, scientific knowledge, literary and artistic works, etc., and gradually improve on the basis of popularization.

Regarding the improvement and development of book publishing, the meeting unanimously agreed that business operations should be improved, operating expenses should be reduced, the selling price of books and periodicals should be gradually reduced, and the selling price of books and periodicals across the country should be gradually unified.

There is currently overproduction in the printing industry, resulting in serious unemployment. The meeting suggested to government agencies and groups that the establishment of new factories or blind expansion should be stopped to maintain existing public and private printing factories, and efforts should be made to relieve or resettle unemployed workers.

The trade union representatives present at the meeting, under the leadership of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, decided to set up a preparatory organization to establish a nationwide press, publishing and printing trade union in a short period of time.

**Remarks:**

On the last day of the meeting, Commander-in-Chief Zhu De attended the meeting and gave a speech.