

1951

## Meetings

**Dates of Meeting:**

16-01-1951 – 25-01-1951

**Type of Meeting:**

2<sup>nd</sup> united front work conference

**Place of Meeting:**

Beijing

**Attendance:**

61 people from the 6 regional bureaus, government

Li Weiham chaired

Zhou Enlai, Peng Zhen, Lu Dingyi, Hu Qiaomu

**Major Agenda Items:**

Anti-American front Discuss anti-imperialist movement in the united front work and help develop democratic parties Organizations.

**Speeches/Reports:**

**Li Weiham** opening speech

**Zhou Enlai:** declared that promoting the Resist America-support Korea movement was a major task for united front workers. Zhou argued that the defeat of America in Korea was both a major setback for imperialism and proof that America was not invincible. In addition, this movement had to be linked to land reform, the elimination of bandits and the suppression of counter-revolutionaries to win the support of not only workers and peasants, but also the upper-level bourgeoisie and intellectuals with pro-American sympathies

**Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

On the issue of the development of the organizations of the democratic parties, the meeting held that adhering to the principle of helping the development of the democratic parties conforms to the interests of the state and also conforms to the reality of the democratic parties. By December 1950, the number of party members of the democratic parties who had been sorted out and issued registration certificates totaled about 11.54 million, which was very incommensurate with their political status.

**Remarks:**

the UFWD was composed of nine divisions.

The First Division was to carry out the united front work with the circle of culture and education;

the Second Division with that of industry and commerce;

the Third Division with the minority nationalities and the circle of religion;

the Fourth with overseas Chinese;

the Fifth with minor parties;

the Sixth with the CPPCC.

The Seventh Division dealt with liaison affairs.

The Eighth Division handled the management affairs over the united front work cadres.

The Ninth Division was responsible for general affair

During the meeting, Mao Zedong met with the responsible persons of the Central Bureau, the sub-bureaus, and the United Front Work Department of the Party committees of the six cities, and had a long talk. He pointed out that the democratic parties should be advanced in the three major movements and let them go to work. This is a positive and beneficial approach. It is necessary to actively support the democrats and democratic parties, educate them, and lead them to advance together; this is beneficial to the working people and to entering socialism.