

Telegram on the Temporary Non-Action Policy Regarding Rich Peasants' Rented Land

(May 1, 1950)

Comrade Zihui, with a copy to Shushi:

The telegram from April 25 has been received. (1) Given that the amount of land rented out by rich peasants is relatively small, temporarily leaving such land untouched will have little impact on the amount of land distributed to poor and hired peasants. Therefore, my current opinion remains that it is more appropriate to take no action for the time being. (2) However, you may draft a land reform law based on your own opinions. Comrade Zihui should bring this draft to the central meeting after May 15 (the date of departure for Comrade Zihui will be communicated separately), where it can be discussed and finalized. (3) If the East China Bureau supports the policy of temporarily leaving rich peasants' rented land untouched, then the East China Bureau should draft a separate land reform law differing from that of the Central South region for comparative discussion at the central meeting.

Mao Zedong

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