

construction, the new mission of the people's democratic united front is to unite with all the forces that can be united and mobilize more factors as much as possible which are willing to participate in the socialist construction and expand our democracy. At the same time, he pointed out that democratic parties should jointly responsible, long-term coexistence, mutual supervision and take up the responsibility of supervision to make things better in the future. So the responsibility of democratic parties in the socialist transformation and socialist construction is not light but heavy. The democratic parties are to serve the cause of socialism. To serve the cause of socialism can steel various parties and their members.^[11]

5. Proposing Democracy within the Party to Establish the Realistic Foundation of Realizing People's Democracy

Chinese Communist Party is the proposer and practitioner of democratic politics. During the process of China's revolution and construction, Chinese Communist Party becomes the core of the Chinese nation and the whole country, thus creating logic of politic development with Chinese characteristics—democracy within the party lead, demonstrate, drive and promote people's democracy. As the important member of the first leading group, Chou En-lai knows very much the importance of developing democracy within the party and proposes a series of important thoughts.

To develop democracy within the party, the first thing is to change the work style of the leading cadre. In February 1962, “we should develop democracy, renew and reinforce normal democratic life within the party” and “normal democratic life should be developed within the party; we should be practical and realistic; we should work according to Party Constitution.”^[12] were put forward in enlarged meeting of the central committee of the communist party of China. In June 1961, “emancipate people's minds, get rid of superstition, dare to think, speak and act” was proposed and “the work style of the cadre should be changed first. To change the work style of the cadre, the work style of the leading cadre should be changed first. To change the work style of the leading cadre, our work style should be changed first” was emphasized in the meeting held by the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.^[13]

The development of democracy within the party must insist on collective leadership. In September 1956, when Chou En-lai met delegation of Communist Party of Australia and of New Zealand, speaking of Stalin's secret report, he said, ten years after Lenin's death, Stalin's work style was not democratic and the environment was also an important element. This was a lesson to us and this taught us to pay attention to democracy within the party, to listen to the views of the masses and to insist on collective leadership. If there is no democracy, there is no centralism. Centralism is based on democracy. This is very important to our ruling party. In April

1962, Zhou especially emphasized at the Third Session of the CPPCC third closing statements that “the leadership of the Communist Party is the party's collective leadership”; “it is mainly the Party's principles and policies that plays a leadership role, rather than individuals. Every individual is equal. From the work point of view, we are servants of the people and we should equally exchange views, we must not consider ourselves as leadership. “Otherwise, our democratic life and democratic culture will not be able to carry forward.”^[14]

Achieving democracy within the party promotes people's democracy. Chinese Communist Party's ruling status, historic mission and China's national conditions determine that the democracy within the party is the foundation and guarantee of the People's Democracy. Chou En-lai holds that there is interrelationship between the Chinese Communist Party's leadership and People's Democracy. The achievement of the democracy within the party is bound to serve as a model and exert promoting effects on the development of the People's Democracy. Thus achieving “a kind of political situation as: centralism and democracy, discipline and freedom, both unity of will and personal ease of mind and liveliness” just as Chairman Mao said. Therefore, in January 1965 at the first meeting of the fourth session of the CPPCC National Committee, Chou En-lai noted that our democracy is developing democracy and people's democracy, which is under leadership.

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