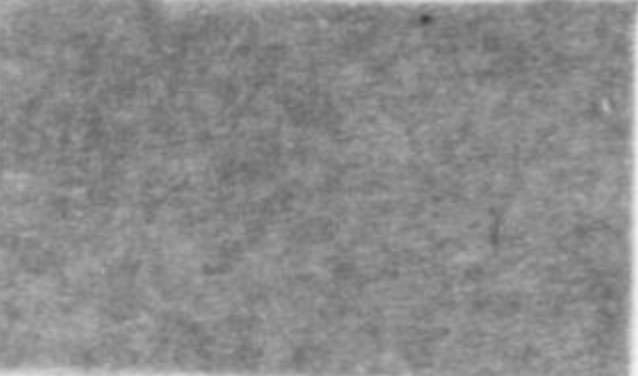


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I explained, in the treatise on New Year's of this
year as well as through the broadcast on the 1st Anniversary
of the restoration of our capital, that it is the two great
policies of our national government to establish public
peace and order and to improve the economic life.

They have causal relations with each other, if economic
life is to be changed for the better, the people will be
able to lead happier lives.

Public welfare will become naturally stabilized, and
with the stabilization of public welfare economic recon-
struction shall be promoted. The principal duty of the
"Committee to Improve the Situation of Country" from the
beginning consisted in the establishment of public peace
and order, from which we shall be able to begin the bettering
of economic life. Therefore, its responsibility and mission
are of first importance.

For the improvement of the situation of the country, I find it necessary to exercise administration by both political and military means, and to eradicate partisan or communist bandits so that we can relieve our people of suffering.

The National Government, taking this point into consideration, decided especially to establish the "Committee to improve the Situation of the Country" this time, to have the magistrates of the Military Commission and the Administration Board as its component element with independent authority, so that they may be able to communicate with other quarters and positively concentrate their military and political abilities and to put them into action.

I am firmly convinced that these steps will greatly contribute in stabilizing farm-villages, in the adjustment of cultivated fields, in rehabilitate communications and into the improvement ^{of} businesses. However, I wish to consolidate the basis by degrees, not doing it on a large scale from the beginning.

If peace is re-established in one district first, it will extend to other parts. In this way, regaining peace will not only be accelerated overall but the foundation on which self-rule constitutional government will be put into force will become fixed. I am firmly resolved to attain this objective by giving unceasing effort with my comrades and fellow country men best I might.

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