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**Mao Zedong's Talk at the Beidaihe Central  
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**Summary:**

Mao Zedong declares that, in the absence of Soviet assistance, China must rely only upon itself in its pursuit of technological modernity and socialism.

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1917年到1945年，苏联是自力更生，一个国家建设社会主义。这是列宁主义的道路，我们也要走这个道路。

苏联人民过去十年在建设上曾经给了我们援助，我们不能忘记这一条。

要下决心，搞尖端技术。赫鲁晓夫不给我们尖端技术，极好！如果给了，这个账是很难还的。

From 1917 until 1945, the Soviet Union pulled itself up by its own bootstraps, building socialism in one country. This is the Leninist way. We also have to go down this road.

Over the past decade the Soviet people have helped us in [our] development, and we cannot forget this.

We must resolve to work on [pursuing] advanced technology. Khrushchev won't give us advanced technology. Fine! If he had given it to us, it would have been a difficult debt to repay.