NEW SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT:

- The State Bureaucracy at national, regional + local levels.
- The Communist Party at national, regional + local levels.
- The PLA.

→ Diagram in Folder.
ROLE OF THE PLA:

- By 1950 = Enormous military force with 5 million men.
- State budget = 40% on PLA (new air force + navy).
- Size reduced to 3.5 million by 1953 (demands for economic development needed the men + less spending on the PLA)
- Still received 800,000 conscripts annually however; young men being indoctrinated in. → Largest army in the world.
- Epitomised Mao’s virtues: discipline, self-sacrifice, endurance + perserverance (Mao held up PLA as role models).
- Celebrated in China with films, plays + works of literature (victories in Korean War for e.g.)
- PLA = Spreading communist ideology to peasants in countryside. Some even worked on public building projects, rebuilding damaged bridges, roads + railways in wars).