

In the spring semester of 1948, students of the ZDFZ appealed to the School to establish the student government. The School agreed. In other schools, it was usually called “student self-governing association” 学生自治会. In ZDFZ, the School demanded it to be called “Association of Public Servants 公仆会”(APS).

I was urged by friends to run for office in APS. APS was dominated by second year students in the senior high school, because the third year students were busy preparing graduation and university entrance examination. I got elected to APS. Of the fourteen members of the APS, only four were first year students. The chairman of APS was a second year student FENG Da Bin 冯大宾. There were several departments in APS. Members will choose and pick the posts they wanted to take charge. I ended to be the left-over chief of the news bureau 新闻部长.

The main task of the news bureau was to publish a weekly mimeograph paper. I need to organize a team to gather news, write articles, edit the contents, and to make copy on the stencil papers. I knew practically nothing about those matters. Fortunately there were some second year experienced students came to help. We managed to get out the paper each Monday. Sunday night was extremely busy. I usually could not get back to my dormitory until two or three o'clock in the morning.

Then in the middle of the semester, a horrible thing happened. Our chairman, Feng Da Bin killed himself by jumping from the 13 story pagoda in Ling Guo Temple 灵谷寺 near the Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum in the middle of the night. It was a shock to everybody and kept us in the news bureau very busy for many days. It was said at that time that he took his life because of his mother's tragic death after she was swept away from home 扫地出门 in Henan by the Communists.

In early 1950s, the case of Feng Da Bin was one of the political cases to be investigated. Somehow it was rumored that Feng was pushed from the pagoda by somebody. So he was murdered and did not commit suicide. I could not find out what was the outcome of the investigation.

I learned one thing from my experience with APS. When you want to do something, just go ahead do it. Even if you are not fully prepared, as the old Chinese saying tells us, “The boat will line straight through when it reaches the bridge. 船到桥头自然直”

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1948 年春季学期，中大附中的学生向学校申请成立学生组织，得到学校批准。在其它学校，这样的组织通常称作学生自治会，中大附中校方要求称之为公仆会。

我的朋友们要我参与公仆会的竞选。公仆会以高二学生为主，因为三年级学生忙着准备毕业和考大学。我被选进了公仆会，在 14 个公仆会成员中，只有

4 个高一的。公仆会主席是高二的冯大宾。公仆会分了几个部，成员可以挑选自己想主持的位置，我最后担任别人挑剩下来的新闻部长职务。

新闻部主要任务是出版油印的周报。我要组织一支队伍从事采访，写稿，编辑，以及刻写蜡纸。这些我都不会幸好有些有经验的高二同学来帮忙，我们得以每周一出版一期。周日晚上格外紧张，我常常要到凌晨两、三点钟才能回宿舍。

到了学期中间，发生了一桩惨案。我们的冯大宾主席，半夜从中山陵附近灵谷寺 13 层高的塔上跳下来自杀了。这让大家都很震惊，新闻部因此忙了好久。当时的说法是，他母亲在河南因为被共产党扫地出门而去世了，冯大宾因此自杀。

50 年代早期，冯大宾事件曾作为政治案件之一被调查，有传言说冯大宾是被人从塔上推下去的，因此是他杀而非自杀。但我不知道最终的调查结果。

公仆会任职经历使我学到了一点，当你想做某事时，去做就好了。即便你没有完全准备好，正如中国老话所说：“船到桥头自然直。”

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