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The *Biographical Dictionary of Republican China* differs from other major biographical dictionaries in that it records the careers not only of those who have died but also of many persons still living. Its first volume, for example, includes major articles on Chiang Kai-shek and his son Chiang-Ching-kuo, as well as Chang Chün and other senior figures who serve the Government of the Republic of China in Taiwan. Leading figures of the Central People's Government at Peking include not only political figures such as Chou En-lai, Chu Teh, Ch'en Yi, and Ch'en Po-ta but also scientists like the French-trained nuclear

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