

# CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION

*A Study of Sino-Soviet Relations*

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## FOREWORD

IT is to me a genuine pleasure to introduce the author, already well known to the reading public, and to say a few words on the subject dealt with in the book. Mr. Aitchen K. Wu has had much experience in foreign affairs, having been at home Special Delegate of the *Waichiao pu* in the provinces in charge of such matters and abroad our Consul-General in Siberia. He resided also for some time in Chinese Turkistan as Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and as such acquired direct knowledge of the relations between that far-off Chinese province and the Soviet Union. His interesting and authoritative book, *Turkistan Tumult*, gives a very full account of conditions in that province, its recent history and his personal experiences there.

In the present book he deals in a painstaking manner with the larger aspects of Sino-Soviet relations in recent times, and brings their history up to date—a task which has not yet been undertaken by any other writer, but is of the greatest importance. He has a thorough acquaintance with this vast subject, of which he here provides an excellent bibliography; and, moreover, he writes from personal experience and direct observation both as our Consul-General in Siberia and as a frequent visitor to Moscow. He has also discussed privately certain aspects of the question with the high personages who were entrusted by our government with negotiations with the Soviet authorities. Thus what he has now put on record attains as far as is at present possible to historical accuracy, and often possesses the degree of authenticity only to be had from direct contact with officials ultimately responsible.

He has expressed himself with much frankness at times and has not hesitated to make fair comment. He believes, as many people do, that it is necessary and helpful between good friends to tell each other sometimes the unvarnished truth. No reasonable Chinese can fail to realize that, with a common frontier of many thousands of miles and with diplomatic and commercial relations dating back

to an earlier period than those between China and other nations, the Chinese and the Soviet peoples should and could not be anything but the best of friends, and this idea runs like a thread throughout the length of the book.

With these few lines I commend the book to the large number of readers interested in international relations.

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