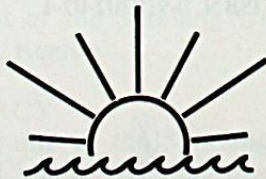


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INTRODUCTION

This selection of articles from Chinese sources is offered as a living documentary of people who have made a new kind of history. After centuries of oppression by feudal landlords, slave and serf masters, warlords and their brigand armies, and imperialist invaders, the 54 minority nationalities of China have united with the Han majority to end feudalism and foreign domination. The "minority problem" as it is called in the U.S. and certain other countries is no longer an unresolved problem in China. The Chinese people have found a solution in creating a multi-national state in which all the nationalities participate on all levels of government and production. Their achievements are an inspiration to people everywhere in the ongoing struggle for human dignity and equality.

Articles in this selection are arranged to present the historical development of China's minority nationalities — from the revolutionary struggles of the 1930's through the founding of the People's Republic in 1949 and on to the present. Dates and sources have been provided as a necessary guide to the period in which each article was written, of particular value in chapters I to IV which deal with the 1950's and earlier. Most of the material in chapters V through XII is from current sources.

Articles are taken from the following publications in English printed in the People's Republic of China: *Peking Review* (until 1958, titled *People's China*), weekly; *China Reconstructs*, monthly; *Chinese Literature*, monthly; *Hsinhua News Releases*, daily; *China Features*, occasional; and books and pamphlets issued by the *Foreign Languages Press*.*

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This book tells the story of the great achievements of China's fifty-four minority peoples in the last 50 years. Beginning before Liberation on the "Long March", proceeding through the New Democratic period to Socialism, on to the Cultural Revolution and up to the present day, this selection of articles graphically depicts the tremendous leap which these peoples have made. Many of them have gone from serfdom to socialism in a mere twenty-five years.

The Chinese government has adopted a unique policy of creating a unity of nationalities under socialism, but at the same time encouraging independent cultural and economic development.

The spirit of independence, self-reliance and hard struggle of these peoples will inspire readers with the great potential of peoples everywhere to achieve their own liberation.