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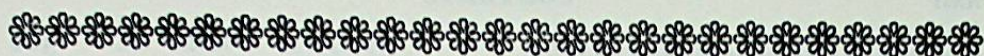
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## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN NOTES

<i>CB</i>	<i>Current Background</i>
<i>CFJP</i>	<i>Chieh-fang jih-pao</i> (Liberation Daily)
<i>CKCN</i>	<i>Chung-kuo ch'ing-nien</i> (Chinese Youth)
<i>CKCNP</i>	<i>Chung-kuo ch'ing-nien pao</i> (Chinese Youth News)
<i>CQ</i>	<i>The China Quarterly</i>
<i>JMJP</i>	<i>Jen-min jih-pao</i> (People's Daily)
<i>JPRS</i>	<i>Joint Publications Research Service</i>
<i>NFJP</i>	<i>Nan-fang jih-pao</i> (Southern Daily)
<i>NCNA</i>	New China News Agency
<i>SCMM</i>	<i>Selections from China Mainland Magazines</i>
<i>SCMP</i>	<i>Survey of the China Mainland Press</i>
<i>TKP</i>	<i>Ta kung pao</i> (Impartial Daily)
<i>URI</i>	Union Research Institute



# ELITES IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

*Edited with an Introduction by* ROBERT A. SCALAPINO

Fourteen prominent scholars examine power in Mainland China: who holds it at national and local levels, how it is allocated and exercised, and what the results are in terms of policies, programs, and goals. More specifically, this is a study of elites—political, military, and intellectual—groups within Communist Chinese society distinguished by the authority they command and the power they can wield in the decision-making and enforcing process.

In the opening essay, Gordon A. Bennett summarizes the current state of elite studies, their main trends and yet unsolved problems. Specific studies begin with elites on the national level. Derek Waller analyzes the character of the national Party elite from the Kiangsi Soviet period to 1956, and Robert Scalapino continues this examination from 1956 to 1969. Thomas W. Robinson completes the section with a timely study of the enigmatic Lin Piao.

From the national level the studies turn to subnational elites. Victor C. Falkenheim's essay on the Fukien provincial leadership is followed by Heath B. Chamberlain's examination of the corresponding elements in Tientsin, Shanghai, and Canton in the years 1949-53. Lynn T. White III contributes a similar study of the leadership in Shanghai, 1954-69.

In pointing up more specific elite groups, William W. Whitson, June Dreyer, and Sidney L. Greenblatt focus respectively on the military elite, elites involved in minority work, and the intellectual elite at Peking University.

Elite behavior under stress can reveal important characteristics of such groups. Therefore, actions of provincial Party leaders in response to the Cultural Revolution are examined by Parris H. Chang, while Richard Baum limits the same subject to the period of the most intensive Red Guard assault, 1966-67. Ronald N. Montaperto presents a single student leader's account of events during the early period of the Cultural Revolution and his reactions to them. Donald W. Klein concludes the volume with a critical analysis of the sources for elite studies and biographical materials on China.

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