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The Sino-Soviet split of 1960 and rapprochement since 1989 are only the most recent chapters in the fascinating history of the two great continental empires of Asia. Since the mid-nineteenth century, Russia and China have struggled over control of the remote vastness stretching from Turkestan through Mongolia to Manchuria, although neither has been able to integrate the societies that have the misfortune to inhabit the lands between them. Territorial disputes have continued to sour relations between these rival powers, overshadowing all other bilateral issues.

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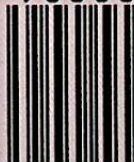
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