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Since open polemics began between China and the Soviet Union at the time of the Test-Ban Treaty in July 1963, an unprecedented and daunting weight of verbiage has been produced by both sides. Much of it is repetitious and long-winded, but it also includes a significant quantity of valuable information or comment upon the origins and development of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

The purpose of this documentary survey is to extract and interpret this information in a form to which easy reference can be made, and to provide a chronological account, supported by the words of the participants themselves, of the most important issues and events of the Sino-Soviet dispute. An introductory essay places the dispute in historical perspective.

A total of 138 extracts from Soviet and Chinese documents published in the period 1963-67 is presented in this collection. An additional 23 documents from the earlier period of 1950-62 are also included *in extenso* as appendices. The extracts are arranged in thirty sections, which range from relations between the Soviet Union and the Chinese Communist Party during the Chinese revolution to Sino-Soviet differences over the Cultural Revolution.

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