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#### **PUBLISHER'S NOTE**

It is normal practice for publishers to say how happy they are to bring out such-and-such a book to the readers. But honestly speaking, we cannot say we are happy to publish this New Revised edition of *Tibet: The Facts*. How can anyone be happy reprinting the tragic account of the suffering of one's own people? For that is what *Tibet: The Facts* is all about—a chilling account of China's horrendous crimes in Tibet and the suffer-

ing of the Tibetan people.

Compiled for the UN Sub-Commission on Human Rights by the non-political Scientific Buddhist Association, London, Tibet: The Facts does not argue for or against Tibetan independence. But it does give an uncompromising and unbiased account of one of this century's worst and yet among the least known tragedies—the armed invasion and occupation of Tibet by Communist China and the systematic and ruthless campaign to exterminate the Tibetan people and their ancient culture. To that extent it is a challenge to the lies churned out by Beijing's propaganda machinery and a reminder to the silent world that all is not well on the Roof of the World and that what happened in Tiananmen Square had been happening in Tibet all along.

If nothing else, Tibet: The Facts will serve as a record of China's crime of GENOCIDE in Tibet. It will also serve as a tribute to the courageous Tibetans who struggled against all odds and sacrificed their lives in the struggle for freedom and in defence of their country, their faith and their homes. But more urgently, it is hoped that Tibet: The Facts will help to stir the conscience of the free world and to arouse international indignation against China's imperialist policies and her brute suppression of not only the Tibetan people, but also the

peoples of Eastern Turkistan, Inner Mongolia and Manchuria, who, among others, are struggling for freedom from Chinese colonial rule.

With this hope and the hope that Tibet will once again emerge as an independent and neutral buffer in the heart of Asia, we wish to thank the Scientific Buddhist Association (now OPTIMUS), and in particular its Secretary, Mr. Paul Ingram, who is the chief author of the Report, for making it possible to reprint this revised and completely up-dated edition so as to make it available to a wider audience.

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Tibet: The Facts was compiled by the non-political Scientific Buddhist Association, London, for the United Nations Sub-Commission on Human Rights. The result of meticulous research, Tibet: The Facts is an unbiased, truthful and powerful account of China's invasion, occupation and continuing campaign to obliterate Tibetan religion, culture and national identity. Accepted everywhere as a standard reference on Tibet, it is a must reading for all those interested in the issue of Tibet.

Another great advantage of *Tibet: The Facts* is that it is presented in a manner comprehensible even to one reading about Tibet for the first time. Written in an engaging and compelling prose, it can be said that no other report on Tibet of comparable length has had so profound an impact.

An equal amount of care and hard work has gone into bringing out this New Edition. Completely revised and up-dated, this report contains a wealth of information—some of which have only recently become available—and covers all recent developments.