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Abbreviations

(used in text, notes and guide to further reading)

C.C.P.	Chinese Communist Party
C.P.S.U.	Communist Party of the Soviet Union
G.P.C.R.	Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution
K.M.T.	Kuomintang
P.L.A.	People's Liberation Army
P.R.C.	People's Republic of China
P.R.G.	Provisional Revolutionary Government
SEATO	South-East Asia Treaty Organisation
U.N.	United Nations
U.S.A.	United States of America
U.S.S.R.	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Preface

THE origins of this book are very humble. It began as a historian's notes on the roots of China's foreign policy. Each time I was called upon to lecture in this subject, I added to the notes and modified them. In the meantime, I was lecturing on China in a course on the history of revolutions and also attending numerous seminars and discussion meetings organised by the Contemporary China Centre of the Australian National University. More and more I was drawn to attempt some kind of contemporary history which might be a little more than an extended essay in interpretation. Finally, I was persuaded that it might serve as a useful introduction to the study of China. By that time, I was away from teaching and administrative duties, spending my study leave at Oxford. Thus through the beautiful summer of 1975, between sitting in my study at All Souls and walking in the Parks, I gathered my thoughts together to write. I could not have been intellectually further from revolutionary China than I was that summer, but there was the time and the quiet to write. For that, I am grateful to the College. And because my wife and two daughters patiently waited for me to finish while the summer 'wasted away', they really spurred me to get my draft written in time.

Although the book was written mainly in Oxford, I could not have written it without the opportunities to read, listen, discuss and teach that the Australian National University has provided for me. Having lived for most of my life in south-east Asia, where facilities for the study of contemporary China are spectacularly lacking, I have benefited enormously from my colleagues in Canberra who have long worked on current Chinese affairs, and from students who enjoy the freedom to satisfy their curiosity about China and its fast-changing society and history. I mention a few names here, not to have them share the responsibility for what I have written, but merely to let them know how much their work here over the years has stimulated and inspired me: Bruce Kent for asking me to share his revolutions course; Fred Teiwes for his dedication to political studies; Stephen FitzGerald for his many

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To Margaret

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