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Preface

Humility must be the first word of this book. The events we describe touched the lives of hundreds of millions of people; the subtleties and nuances have engrossed hundreds of fine scholars for more than thirty years. We keenly appreciate the apparent arrogance of attempting to explain five major nationalist stories in just 75,000 words. We believe, however, that the book represents a co-operative and comparative venture worth attempting. We feel that it fills a gap—that there is no other book quite like it.

The book is intended as an introduction to that momentous period of Asian history from which emerged many conditions that prevail today. Saigon, for example, has become Ho Chi Minh City; the Indonesian army of President Suharto wondrously took shape in 1945; Jawaharlal Nehru's daughter is India's most important politician; the United Malay National Organisation (UMNO) dominates politics in Malaysia; the United States has military bases in the Philippines.

We hope the book whets appetites for, and fires curiosity about, countries that are important, vast and fascinating. We hope, too, that it stimulates interest in comparative studies at a time when, particularly in Europe, North America and Australia, tariff barriers, introversion and tending one's own garden seem increasingly characteristic. We should not tend other people's gardens for them; but occasionally we should look up from our own to admire other flowers and note other crops.

There are fifteen pages of illustrations which seem to us to capture the feeling of particular moments better than many thousands of words and in the following chapters, whenever an illustration is especially apposite to the text, the reader's attention is drawn to it.

To foster comparative analysis, the Timelines on pages xii and xiii allow one to note at a glance some important events in all five countries and the world between 1870 and 1960.

Each chapter contains at least one map, and nine maps in all have been specially drawn for the book.

The Biographical notes include all major Asian leaders mentioned in the text.

The Guide to Further Reading contains nearly 400 items, most

with a brief comment about their content. The Guide begins with a section on general studies and thereafter is arranged by country. Used in conjunction with the notes to each chapter, it provides a thorough introduction to recent scholarship.

The Contents page lists subheadings within each chapter, and these, together with the index, will make it easy, we hope, for readers to make the book work for them.

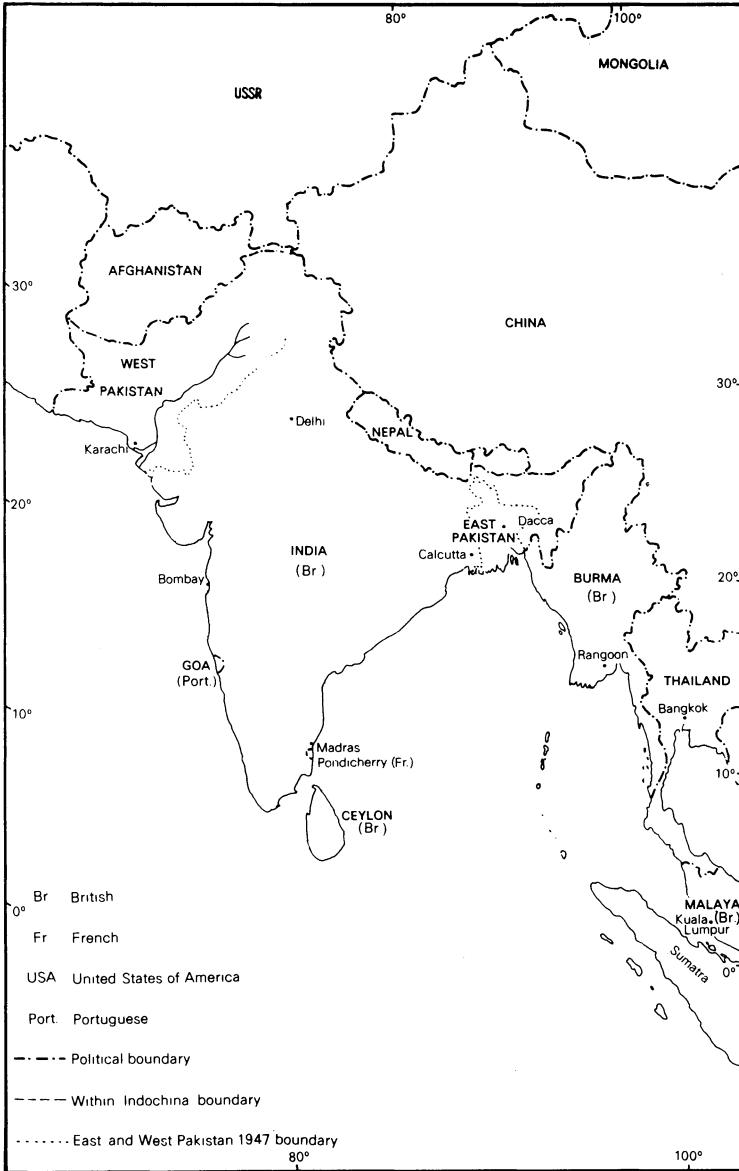
Each chapter is preceded by a glossary of words and abbreviations.

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