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edited by Albert Feuerwerker

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With two exceptions, these chapters were originally prepared either for presentation at, or as background material for, the 1964 conference on "Chinese Communist Historiography" sponsored by the *China Quarterly*. \$2.95 (cloth edition \$12.50)

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