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for more but settle for less; attack and retreat--stoke up the cold war one day, but dampen it down the next. In the end, Khrushchev had been forced to retreat too often, and these shifts and turnabouts became the excuse for his overthrow. Not the least important feature of this book is an appendix containing excellent biographical sketches of all major Soviet political figures in the post-1957 period. Students of Soviet politics will find *Khrushchev and the Soviet Leadership: 1957-1964* an important contribution to their research efforts.

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This book is the fifth volume in the series on the United States and China in world affairs based on studies sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations and aided by a grant from the Ford Foundation. The author has made a complete review of events that have led to a confrontation between the United States and Communist China. He has reviewed the policy of each country toward the other since 1949, as well as each country's policy in Asia and other parts of the world. He has also devoted considerable attention to the dispute about seating Communist China in the United Nations and to the special place that Taiwan occupies in the contention between the two countries. Mr. Blum concluded that there is no easy straightforward solution to the complex problems of Chinese-American relationships which have resulted in rigid animosity between the two. He advocates that the United States pursue her goals with patient determination, while constantly readjusting policies to the realities of the world around her. Specifically, he advocates that while protecting Taiwan and insisting on her right to self-determination, the United States should be prepared to recognize the government of the People's Republic of China as the government of China and to establish diplomatic relations if and when it is clear that America's actions would be reciprocated and have some promise of yielding useful results. The book is well written, readable, and useful as background material in studying this complex problem.

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