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## INTRODUCTION

An understanding of the current dispute between China and India necessitates clarity as to the cause of the dispute and clarity as to the significance of the conflict. Americans, for the most part ignorant of the importance of the border areas, ask why these two countries should come to a shooting conflict over boundaries. Single news items fail to present the causes and significances of developments in the current relationships between these two great countries. FAR EAST REPORTER believes that this compilation of documentary material, largely from American sources, will help clarify the issues and will help toward an understanding of the role of our country in this Sino-Indian dispute.

## THE CAUSES OF THE CONFLICT— THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND\*

Two large nations, each feeling strongly its new freedom, still have to work out one of the unsolved problems of their previous status as colonial and semi-colonial peoples: the boundary between their two countries.

"India is . . . seeking to defend its territories, trying to hold the frontier lines that were established in 1914, but have never been very clear" (Erwin Canham, Editor, *Christian Science Monitor*, Oct.

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\* The background of the current Sino-Indian conflict will be found in detail in a previous issue of FAR EAST REPORTER—"China and India? and Indonesia? and Burma?" (50c).

