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In the broadest sense, this intellectual biography is designed to give insight into the reasons why Western values and institutions

(especially in education) failed to take root in the Chinese

environment. Three interrelated themes are treated by

Professor Duiker: the evolution of the Chinese educational

system from the beginning of the 20th century to World War II;

the process by which a Chinese intellectual absorbed Western

values and attitudes while retaining significant elements of his

traditional Confucian world view; the goals of the humanist

movement in early republican China and the reasons for its

failure. Ts ai (1868 1940), as first Minister of Education under the

1912 republic, helped to formulate educational policies during

an important stage of transition in modern China. Later, as

chancellor of Peking University, he was a central figure in the

tumultuous events of the May Fourth period. Having been

educated traditionally to the doctoral (chin shih) level before

studying at a European university, Ts ai attempted to

synthesize the humanist side of the Confucian tradition with

the libertarian elements in Western culture....



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