

Ideology or Pragmatism ? The Emergence of the Chinese Communist Party's Diplomacy with the United States, 1942 -1946.

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Introduction

The dramatic changes of attitude of the Chinese Communist leadership toward the U.S. in the 1940s remain an intriguing subject of historical inquiry. The two sides first established contact in Chungking in 1942, and two years later Yen-an witnessed the arrival of the U.S. Army observer Group (the Dixie Mission), which indicated American quasi-official recognition of the CCP. However, not long after the CCP turned hostile toward the U.S. Mao Tse-tung warned his colleagues on February 12, 1945, that: "We must attack the U.S. Government's policy of supporting Chiang and opposing Communism. Do not be afraid of its anger and condemnation."¹ In June, 1945, after the "Case of the Six"² was made public, the CCP began attacking "U.S. imperialism" openly. A circular of