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The Dalai Lama Looks Back

With William F. Buckley, Jr., *Firing Line*, Sept. 27 1984

Tibet – The Truth

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The Dalai Lama Looks Back is a 1984 interview of the Dalai Lama by William F. Buckley. The present Dalai Lama assumed the position of supreme spiritual leader of Tibet in 1950, the same year that Mao's army invaded Tibet. In 1959, he fled to India, after, as Mr. Buckley relates, "an uprising against the Chinese Communists which would result, in the ensuing decades, in a holocaust that would rank with Hitler's and Pol Pot's: 1.2 million Tibetans killed, one-seventh of the population." As the Dalai Lama puts it: "if there is a clear-cut dialogue between Buddhists and Marxists, it may help the Marxists and they may eventually become more human – less rigid – for the Buddhists have the message of love and compassion... *The Dalai Lama Looks Back* is being licensed through the Hoover Institution (www.hooverpress.org). 60 minutes.

Tibet – The Truth presents a Chinese Communist perspective on the relationship between Tibet and China. In the words of Monarex: "Tibet's geo-political history is fairly clear up to the 19th and 20th centuries. It was during this period that Western Imperialism began to muddy the waters and campaigns were launched to create an insecure western border for China. Additional influences include rampant civil unrest within China, the forming of the Republic of China after the fall of the Qing Dynasty in 1911, Japanese aggression that tormented the people of China for many years, and finally, the involvement of the United States (namely the CIA) in using the 14th Dalai Lama as a poster-child and ally in its Anti-Communist agenda during the Cold War. Before 1959, the year the People's Liberation of China quelled the Upper-Class Tibetan Revolt, the vast majority of Tibetans were subjected to slavery and serfdom, a major issue that is chronically ignored in any popular assessment of Chinese-Tibetan history." *Tibet – The Truth* is being screened courtesy of Monarex Hollywood (www.Monarex.com). 60 minutes.

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