

## Facts about China

- ◆ The May 4<sup>th</sup> Movement refers to student demonstrations in Tiananmen Square on May 19, 1919 to protest the terms of the Versailles Treaty. The Movement also explored different forms of Western political and cultural models.
- ◆ The New Life Movement refers to Chiang Kai-shek's efforts to change the moral character of the Chinese through a set of beliefs, which were both Confucian and fascist.
- ◆ The Chinese Communist Party in 1952 launched the Five-Anti Campaign against industrialists and business people who had remained in China after 1949. The movement helped to consolidate the Party's power over the economy.
- ◆ The Hundred Flowers Movement of May 1957 refers to the short-lived period when Mao encouraged people to "Let a hundred flowers bloom and a hundred schools of thought contend." Because many of the comments from the campaign were critical of the government, it was abruptly stopped in the month of June of the same year.
- ◆ The Anti-Rightist Campaign was Mao's answer to those who had expressed views critical of the government's during the Hundred Flowers Campaign.
- ◆ The Democracy Wall refers to the stretch on wall at the edge of the Forbidden City in Beijing, where large posters advocating democratic freedom were posted in 1978-1979.
- ◆ The Anti-Spiritual Pollution Campaign was launched in 1982 by Deng Xiaoping in an effort to counteract what he saw as decadent Western influence seeping in China's art and literature.