

Sprawled over one third of the world's land, bright with beauty and scarred with poverty, THREE VIEWS OF ASIA	birthplace of civilizations—the subject of this issue, Asia, is pictured in map form in	5
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