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前言

《英美概况》即将付梓,应邀为其作序,我欣然从命,缘起如下: 一、该书成稿已久,作为 使用教材,历经十余春秋。

作者孜孜不倦,默默耕耘,精益求精,几番更新,倾注无尽心血,使其终于问世,当是幸事,为此致 贺。

二、两位作者先后赴沪参加美籍专家执教的中美文化研讨班,史料例证有根基;一道参与翻译《 英汉对照实用中医文库》,语言文字有功底;同为硕士生导师,联袂开设"英美文化专题"学位课, 学术理论有水平;联名申请出版基金,携手推出《英美概况》英文教材,合作共事创新绩,可谓佳话 ,借此介绍。

三、编写原则针对性强。

具有自己的特色。

选材难易得当,注重实用;内容充实、新颖、适合教学;语言通顺、地道,便于自学。

《英美概况》实属应社会之需,补教学之缺,并带有创新性的一部好的教材,质量应属上乘,特此推 荐。

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内容概要

本教材密切联系时代与本专业其他课程教学的实际需求精选材料,力求做到繁简得当,学以致用。 充分考虑到了本课程知识性强的特点,教材的编排力求内容丰富、新颖,编排合理,便于教学,易于 记忆。

用英语编写,力求语言通顺、地道,便于学生在学习知识的同时提高英语的理解与应用水平。 本教材共20课,每一课都附有知识性练习、讨论与思考题,每一课开头部分有内容提要,便于学生 自学、理解和记忆。

书后附有英美历史大事记、英王朝历代国王名表及任期、美国50州、美国历任总统名表及任期等,以便查阅。

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~2 . Britain in World War T and Post—War Period By the beginning of the 20th century, the world had entered the period of imperialism. Owing to the law of the uneven growth of capitalism, Germany and the U . S . became strong imperialist powers in the late 19th century and they , together with Japan , Italy , France and Russia competed with Britain for world domination. When the imperialist powers attempted to re-divide the world, an imperialist war was inevitable. On the eve of World War I, two imperialist blocs had formed . Germany, Austria—Hungary and Italy formed the Triple Alliance and Britain, France and Russia were held together by a firm alliance known as the Triple Entente. On June 28th 1914 the Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife were shot and killed by a young Yugoslav in Sarajevo. This incident was used as a pretext by Austria—Hungary to declare war against Serbia. On the side Of Austria—Hungary were Germany. Bulgaria and Turkey. Italy, though a mereber of the Triple Alliance, joined the Allies against the Central Powe~~. Four years of the imperialist war ended with the Allies victorious. The War came to the end in 1918 . During the war , nearly three million British soldiers were killed , wounded , or disabled . Seventy percent of her merchant ships were sunk or damaged. Britain had lost her sea supremacy by the end of the War . The situation at home was worse than it was during the prewar days. Though victorious, Britain came out of the War with a huge na tional debt. ten times as large as that before the War . Business was slack , many factories were closed down and taxes were In 1920 and 1921, an economic crisis broke out for the first time since the end of the unbelievably heavy. War. Industrial production dropped by 46 9 / 6 during the crisis. The world economic crisis lasted from 1929 to 1933. It was the most seriOUS economic crisis that Britain had ever experienced. In the depression years , factories and mills closed down, banks failed and foreign trade shriveled. The number of unemployed people in 1932 reached three million. The total value of her export decreased to half the amount of the pre-war level. whereas her imPOrt doubled. Britain 'S position in the capitalist world was further weakened. ~

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《英美概况》应当前教学需要,在参阅大量国内外文献资料的基础上,以马列主义立场、观点为指导进行取舍、整理和编排而成,并经过多年课堂试用和反复修改。

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