China's Anti American Boycott Movement in 1905: A Study in Urban Protest  By Sin Kiong WONG

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From the Publisher
This book examines the 1905 anti-American boycott movement, an important and yet neglected urban protest in Chinese social, political, and diplomatic history. It focuses on some of the areas that have been overlooked by existing works; a comparative study of the urban history of two boycott centers, Shanghai and Guangzhou; the involvement of the Chinese overseas; the role of the boycott in the 1911 Revolution; the propaganda techniques and mobilization strategies of this social movement; and the impact of the event on Chinese foreign relations. This book also draws attention to the legacy of the boycott; the nonviolent boycott as a means of resisting foreign aggression became both the dominant form of anti-foreign protests and an endemic feature of political life during the first decades of the Chinese Republic. The 1905 boycott, the author argues, signified the rise of the popular protests of twentieth-century China.

Synopsis
The movement has been largely overlooked by scholars of 20th-century China, says Wong (Chinese studies, National U. of Singapore), whose eyes have been caught by flashier historical events of the period. It deserves more attention, he argues, because it signaled the rise of the urban protests in China during the rest of the century. He traces it to the exclusion of Chinese immigrants in the US, American mistreatment of the Chinese, and internal changes in China after the 1900 Boxer Uprising. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com)

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