

The italicized words “initially necessary” have been dropped from the version cited by Haas. Leifer’s interpretation also derives from an official government text—Malaysia, in this instance—published shortly after the communique was issued from Kuala Lumpur in November 1971. Moreover, it supports his interpretation that ZOPFAN encompassed conceptions quite beyond the standard meaning of neutrality. For ASEAN documents, the best policy would seem to be “caveat lector.”

Communication to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

In my article titled “Sui Yangdi and the Building of Sui-Tang Luoyang” (*JAS* 52.1 [February 1993]:66–89), I identify Sui Yangdi’s mother as of Xianbei origin (pp. 78 and 81). This assertion is wrong. Dugu, the parental family name of Yangdi’s mother, Empress Wenxian, indicates that she was of Xiongnu ancestry. (Yao Weiyuan, “Dugu ji Tuge kao” [Dugu and Tuge are of identical origin], in Lin Gan, ed., *Xiongnu shi lunwen xuanji* [Selected articles on Xiongnu history], Beijing: Zhonghua shuju, 1983:69–74.)

Also, my mention of Yangdi’s reign of less than thirteen years should read “less than fourteen years” (p. 72).

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