Summary

Subject matter: The influence of the USSR and the USA on the political situation in China in 1945-1946.

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Topicality of the research is conditioned by the extraordinary importance of the space of time under study for the post-war development of China. The political influence exercised in 1945-1946 by the USSR and the USA on China predetermined not only the general situation inside the country but its position on the international arena. The theme is also coordinated with the processes of the modern state of the international relations where the cooperation between the USA, PRC and Russia in many respects predetermines the state of the present day agenda.

Objective of the research is to carry an indepth analysis and the comprehension of the policy in the post-war China pursued in 1945-1946 by the USA and the USSR, their struggle for the political future of the region.

Tasks of the research:
- to study the internal political situation in the post-war China;
- to examine China’s position on the international arena;
- to analyze the causes of the interest of the USA and the USSR in this region;
- to research into the methods of the USSR’s influence on the policy of the post-war China;
- to discover the main character of the USA policy conducted in this region in the indicated period of time;
- to spot the similarity and dissimilarity of the means and methods in the policy conducted by the USSR and the USA in the region.
Theoretical and practical significance of the research is conditioned by the possibility of the use of its materials in the analysis of the processes of the development of the Chinese society that was at the stage of the active reorganization predetermined by the circumstances and challenges of the post-war correlation of forces in the world.

The findings contained in the work are of interest both for the scientific and teaching activity in Russia’s higher education institutions and for university students and post-graduate students of the departments of oriental studies researching into the socio-political processes in the countries of the Far East.

Results of the research showed that the USSR and the USA played the crucial role in the cause of China’s liberation from the Japanese militarists, besides both the sides did their best to make the country side with their own political development. The USSR’s political practice gained a priority influence on the status and place of China on the international arena by comparison with the political practice of the USA which by its actions had weakened the trust in it among the broad masses of the Chinese population and the political elite. The strengthening of the USSR’s influence in China was also promoted by the fiasco home policy of Chiang Kai-shek and his foreign policy shilly-shallying.

Recommendations:

1. In the subsequent indepth research into the problems related to the study of the policy of the great powers in the region of the Far East one should pay attention to its ideological and theoretical substantiation by the participant countries.

2. When exploring the situation around China in 1945-1946 one should emphasize the peculiarities and conditions that built the framework for the activity of the great powers, to show that their competition predetermined and intensified the irreconcilability of the internal policy in China.