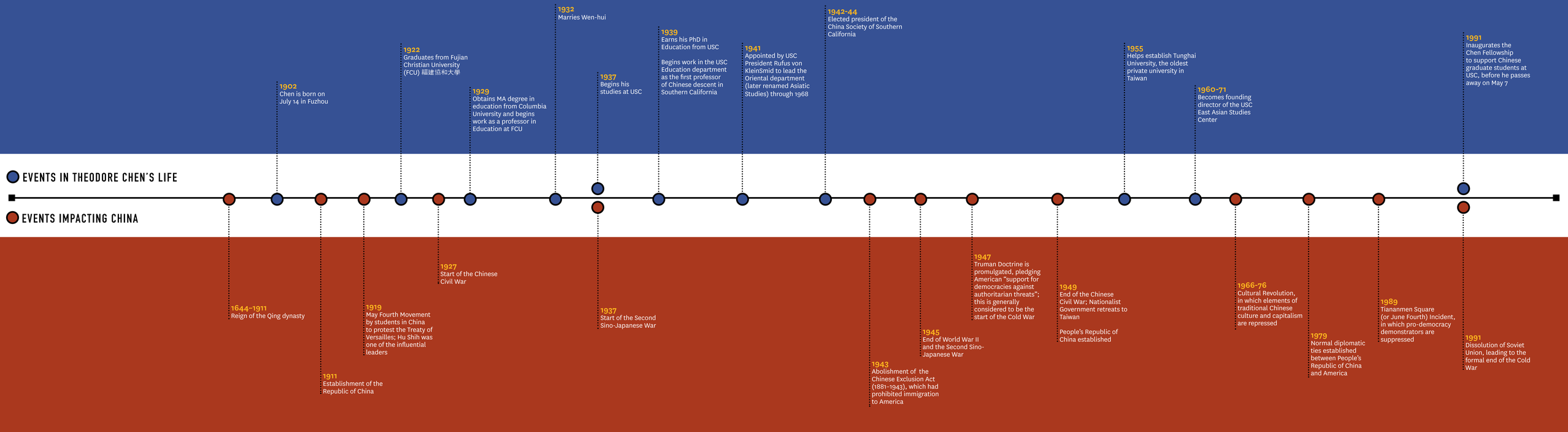
EVENTS IN THEODORE CHEN'S LIFE
EVENTS IMPACTING CHINA
1902
Chen is born on July 14 in Fuzhou
1922
Graduates from Fujian Christian University (FCU) 福建協和大學
1929
Obtains MA degree in education from Columbia University and begins work as a professor in Education at FCU
1932
Marries Wen-hui
1937
Begins his studies at USC
1939
Earns his PhD in Education from USC
Begins work in the USC Education department as the first professor of Chinese descent in Southern California
1941
Appointed by USC President Rufus von KleinSmid to lead the Oriental department (later renamed Asiatic Studies) through 1968
1942-44
Elected president of the China Society of Southern California
1955
Helps establish Tunghai University, the oldest private university in Taiwan
1960-71
Becomes founding director of the USC East Asian Studies Center
1991
Inaugurates the Chen Fellowship to support Chinese graduate students at USC, before he passes away on May 7
1644–1911
Reign of the Qing dynasty
1911
Establishment of the Republic of China
1919
May Fourth Movement by students in China to protest the Treaty of Versailles; Hu Shih was one of the influential leaders
1927
Start of the Chinese Civil War
1937
Start of the Second Sino-Japanese War
1943
Abolishment of the Chinese Exclusion Act (1881–1943), which had prohibited immigration to America
1945
End of World War II and the Second Sino-Japanese War
1947
Truman Doctrine is promulgated, pledging American "support for democracies against authoritarian threats"; this is generally considered to be the start of the Cold War
1949
End of the Chinese Civil War; Nationalist Government retreats to Taiwan
People's Republic of China established
1966-76
Cultural Revolution, in which elements of traditional Chinese culture and capitalism are repressed
1979
Normal diplomatic ties established between People's Republic of China and America
1989
Tiananmen Square (or June Fourth) Incident, in which pro-democracy demonstrators are suppressed
1991
Dissolution of Soviet Union, leading to the formal end of the Cold War