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**THE BAD EARTH.** By Vaclav Smil. Amonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1984, 227 pp., \$25.00.

As China's leadership strives to quadruple economic output in the next two years, the nation's physical resources will most likely deteriorate rapidly. The nation faces deforestation, soil erosion, industrial pollution, water shortages, and many other environmental ills that have been alarming Chinese scientists and policy makers.

In *The Bad Earth*, Vaclav Smil, a Professor of Geography at the University of Manitoba, documents China's environmental crisis. He explores the environmental problems, from water pollution to population growth, and the ramifications of those problems in separate chapters. Anyone interested in China's future prosperity and outlook should find this book to be quite worthwhile.

