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The evolution of the Commonwealth has occurred in a number of distinct phases. It is the transition to the contemporary phase, that of the Commonwealth as a worldwide, multiracial association of sovereign and equal states, that this volume documents. It is a phase characterised by the admission to Commonwealth membership of newly-independent countries from Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, joining and momentarily changing the 'look' of the old Dominions. It was India's membership from 1947 which signalled and made possible the transition to the modern Commonwealth, both by altering its racial composition and, from the time of the 1949 London