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- The Philadelphia leg of the "Secrets of the Silk Road" exhibit, which has already made stops in Orange County, CA and Houston, was abruptly canceled last week. Why? At Far West China, Josh Summers explores several theories regarding the reasons behind this decision.
- China Beatnik Charles Hayford was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's *Here on Earth* show last week, discussing a new book by Liel Leibovitz and Matthew Miller, *Fortunate Sons: The 120 Chinese Boys Who Came to America, Went to School, and Revolutionized an Ancient Civilization*.
- At *Dissent*, China Beatnik Daniel A. Bell writes about his correspondence with another Daniel Bell, the sociologist and author of *The End of Ideology* and *The Coming of the Post-Industrial Society*, who passed away in January.
- Xujun Eberlein took a turn guest-blogging for James Fallows at the *Atlantic* site last week, where she posted a five-part series on "Another Kind of American History in Chongqing." Links to the full series: 1. Prologue 2. Evolution 3. Puzzle 4. Explorers 5. Revision
- If you thought the Groupon "Tibet" ad shown during the Superbowl was in poor taste, you weren't alone. At the *Forbes* website, Gady Epstein writes about "Groupon's 2-For-1 Superbowl Special: Offend Both China and Tibet Activists."
- At China Rhyming, Paul French takes a look at "Shanghai's Architectural Losses Last Year."
- There have been quite a number of articles discussing the protests in Egypt in relation to the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests. A sampling:
- Michael Suen, "Does Egypt's 'Tiananmen Square Moment' Matter to China?"
- Evan Osnos, "Of Tahrir Square and Tiananmen Square"
- Thomas Friedman, "China, Twitter and 20-Year-Olds vs. the Pyramids"
- Kathleen McLaughlin, "China nervously watches Egypt erupt"
- Abraham Denmark, "From Tahrir to Tiananmen"
- Scott MacLeod, "Why Tahrir Is Not Tiananmen