

320 4886

UBCHEA ARCHIVES
COLLEGE FILES
RG 11

Yenching
Corres.
Bevan, L.R.D. 1932-1942
Bigelow Foundation 1943
Biggerstaff, Camilla + Knight
1922-1944

3

2

0

4

8

8

6

0731

Bevan, L.R.O
1937-1942

3

2

0

4

8

8

6

0732

WIVELINGHAM
5 LUND ROAD
CAMBRIDGE

Oct 9, 1937

Dear Mr. Forside.

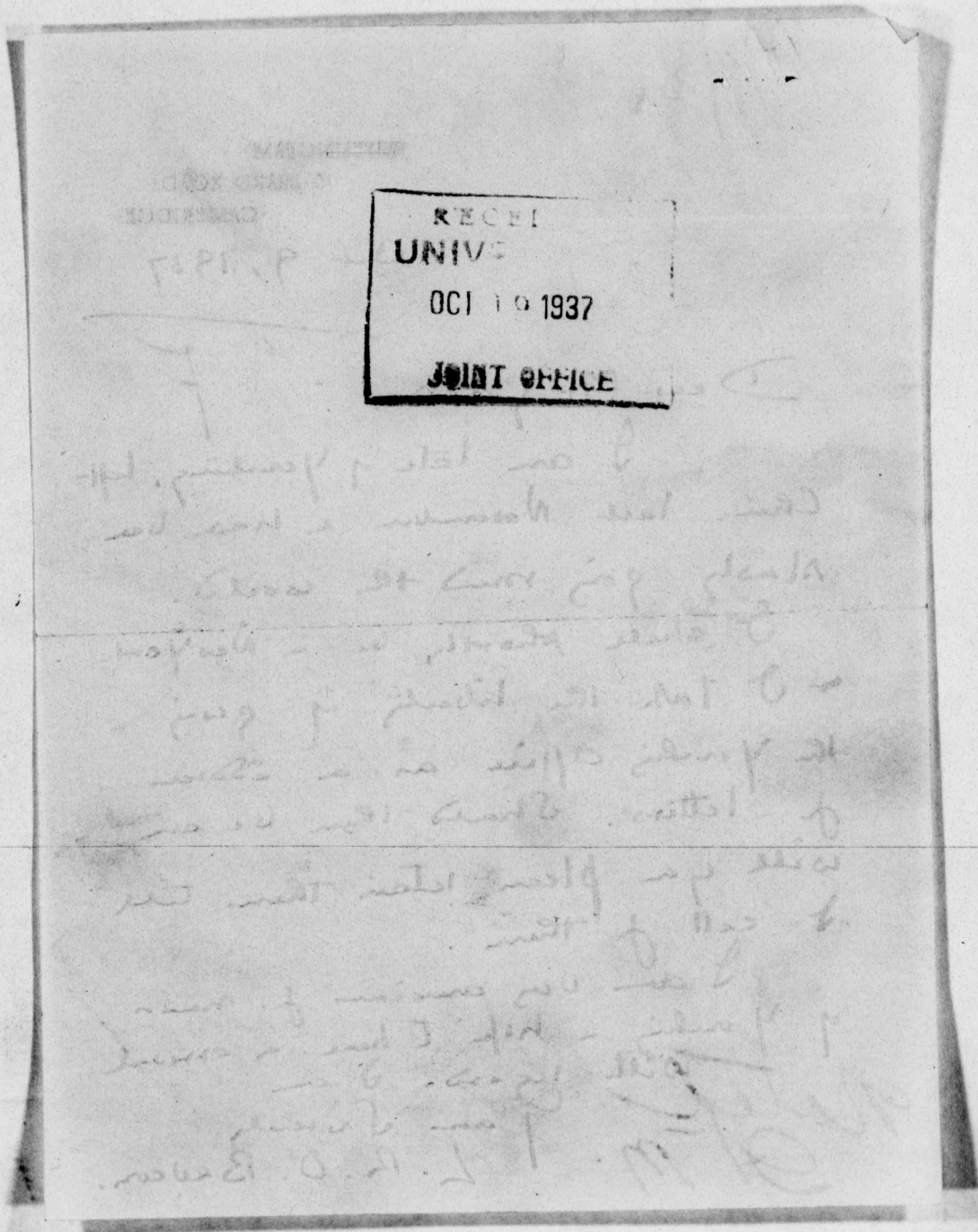
I am late of Yenching, left
China last November & have been
slowly going round the world.

I shall shortly be in New York
& I take the liberty of going
to the Yenching Office as a address
of letters. Should there be any
will you please retain them till
I call for them.

I am very anxious to meet
you in Yenching & hope there a arrival
will be soon. I am

Yours Sincerely
L. R. O. B. B. B.

0733



0734

3
2
0
4
8
8
6

18 Hawthorn Road

N. Caulfield S.E.8

Melbourne

Australia.

10 May 1938

ack 6/10/38

Dear Mr. Garside,

First many thanks for copies of letters from you which I read with very great interest and admiration, and can only regret that I have not been with them all this year to do my little to assist. I wrote to Dr. Stuart from Seattle. I think I mentioned to you I would be happy to return for the coming academic year if there was the need. He received that letter & I have had a reply dated Feb. 18th. He wrote hopefully, & said that though there was not the pressing need at the moment I could be sure of a warm welcome & there would be work to be done. But it was impossible to see any much distance ahead. I replied to that letter saying that my inclination was to come out even if there were not the pressing need so long as I could be of use. And of course I am still of that opinion. We don't get much news out here & what comes is difficult to interpret, and

0735

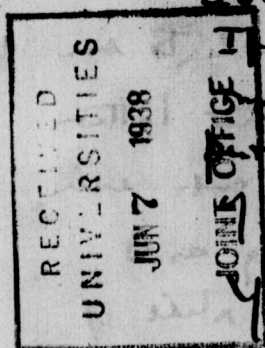
one cannot expect newspaper cables mentioning Yenching.
Dr Stuart's letter in February was before the
Counter Chinese movement & the general guerilla
warfare conditions that I make of the cables of
the past few weeks.

I don't think it is possible for me to gauge the
effect of this a Yenching. One wonder if general
war conditions transferred to the north - as our cables
suggest - would necessitate the closing of Yenching,
or its removal perhaps. I have written to Dr Stuart
saying my intention is to get back by the beginning of
September if there is a need or if there would be
the opportunity of usefulness. He may or may not
get that letter, & if the present movement & necessitates
the closing of the University I suppose he won't. I ordered
to Dr. Stuart a "cable" address which I have arranged, as my
"present-permanent" address at the head of this letter.
It forbids any 'cable' correspondence. That
address is "BEVAN UNIAUSTRAL MELBOURNE"
- you did cable to me to say University closed & useless
returning, - this address would reach me. I am
proposing leaving here towards the end of July or the beginning
August.

Thanking you again for the copies of letters from
Yenching & Peking, I remain

Yours Sincerely

L. R. O. Bevan.



June 10, 1938

Professor L. R. O. Bevan
18 Hawthorn Road
M. Caulfield, S.E.8
Melbourne, Australia

Dear Professor Bevans

Thank you for your letter of May 10th.

All the news we have had from Yenching during recent months indicates that the University is still going ahead vigorously with a comparatively normal program. We hope that the academic year is being closed this month in a peaceful and successful manner. All letters from the field show that the University expects to open in September at the usual time, and is hoping to have practically a full enrollment.

Of course, it is impossible to predict what developments may take place during the summer months. Until about a month ago the Japanese invasion of China seemed to be rapidly losing ground, and the political and economic situation in Japan itself seemed to be growing increasingly precarious. There are many indications that the intensification of activity during the last month has many elements of desperation. Certainly Japan can not continue indefinitely the feverish activities of recent weeks. The great question now is whether China can again emulate the bamboo which is so frequently taken as its national symbol, once more bend before the hurricane without breaking under the strain. For Japan to capture more square miles of territory and more railways, and to bomb the helpless civilians of the cities, will not help her materially toward a victory if China can only keep her courage and morale.

This seems to be the great problem which confronts us during the months just ahead. If China can only hold on during the summer until some of the Japanese fury is spent, of the factors of economic scarcity, internal distress, military difficulties, and world opinion, will turn against the Japanese. But the months just ahead are sure to be filled with tremendous tragedy and loss.

We certainly hope that you can get back to Yenching in September unless some unexpected development during the next three months completely blocks the way for you. I am sure that the University will have need of you next year. Quite aside from your contribution to the regular program of the

0737

Mr. Brown

-2-

June 10, 1938

University, your presence in China will in itself be a great stimulous and encouragement to our Chinese friends who are passing through such crucial times.

If we have any news which should be sent to you immediately, we will cable to the address in Melbourne which you give.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

0738

C
O
P
Y

*Seen by Mr. Corbett
" Caldwell
Miss Van Riper*

Letter received October 12th, by Air Mail from Durban, So. Africa, from one of the British members of the Yenching faculty.

Hotel Majestic, Durban. Sept. 16-42

Dear Mrs. Speer,

I expect you will be surprised to get a letter from me from Durban in South Africa. I am being repatriated, and am here on the way to Australia, waiting for a boat. I left Peking on August 10, carrying a number of letters from Yenching people which I was fortunate enough to get through and posted them all at Lorenzo Marques - the first port we stopped at after Shanghai. Quite an experience is this evacuation adventure - much of it quite a new experience in methods of travel - still possible - and we are here without any major disaster.

It is possible to send from here by air-mail, so I take this opportunity, and this letter should arrive before any of those posted from Portugese East Africa. Among those was one from Marnie to you, and one to Dr. Barbour in England which I hope you will eventually receive. They were written from Peking the day before I left.

All the Yenching people are now moved into Peking. We were left at Yenching - most of us gathered in the South Compound - with some restriction on freedom of movement, but not on our exercise. We became moderately communistic, and existed on our own reserves until well into April. Some of that time we were receiving a maintenance allowance from the Japanese, but later from the U. S. Government and the British Government through the Swiss Representative.

Life in Yenching, from December 8th to the middle of July was uneventful and generally free from unpleasant incidents. Japanese military in control. Health has been good, and we organized a well managed and well committed communal existence, with plenty of employment and sufficient amusement and nourishment. It needed good planning and some exercise of good temper and much patience, and was quite successful. Health has been well maintained and all kinds of work carried on. (No doubt he means manual work in the garden etc. as all the work of the university stopped at once) All the students were removed the day of the Japanese occupation, the foreigners generally collected in the South Compound, and the Chinese staff were all removed from the Precints. Fourteen of the Chinese faculty were arrested and confined in the military prison - suffered considerably - but were released by the beginning of July. They have been martyrs to their country, but have been released, all of them - and were recovering well from very severe treatment. None of the foreigners were imprisoned, with the exception of Dr. Stuart, Dr. Houghton, Mr. Bowen and Dr. Schnapper of the P. U. M.C. who were "detained in custody" in Peking, and with the exception of the last are still in detention. They were not man-handled, but their detention has been quite rigorous, very uncomfortable, cut off from the outside, but they have had their own cook, and sufficient money and food. They have been in very poorly equipped quarters, very hot and confined in these last three months. Schnapper has been released and was on the boat to Lorenzo Marques. He says he left them on the whole well, but feared if the detention is much extended the results may be quite serious.

Practically all of us were moved to Peking in the middle of July, the Americans to San Kuan Miao, in the American Embassy, and the British to the British Embassy, very commodious and comfortable quarters. We were allowed to bring all our property in with us. (This is such a comfort, for now we know that Marnie will not lack warm clothes for the winter) The exodus stretched out over a week, and took many carts.

It was a hectic and hot fortnight, but accomplished with much cheer. Some of

Noted

0739

the British were put on the list for repatriation with the two ships agreed upon for the exchange of "diplomats." I think all now are looking forward to a further repatriation of American and British - perhaps this month - but one thing learned from experience is that nothing is certain until it actually happens. Anyway I left them all comfortably settled in the Embassies with their own goods and chattels and "on the dole" - all well and all cheerful and organizing again in groups.

Needless to say Marnie all through has been a tower of strength.

As a matter of fact I am the only one who has as yet successfully got away - there were some seven or eight on the English list. We got to Shanghai, but all but myself have been left there. Cruel mismanagement, and not yet clear how or why this was done. Of all the evacuees from North China - - - (I cannot make out the number) have been left stranded in Shanghai, some sixty per cent of them ordered to leave their various homes. The whole business was done very rapidly. I had no idea a fortnight before of being evacuated, had quite made up my mind to stop till the end of the war - no alternative - and then I was the only one from Yenching. I felt like a deserter - tho' the desertion was practically under orders, and it has been heartbreaking being torn away from one's life work, and leaving Yenching where one has so many dear friends. The last eight months there has been a realization of how one is less than a pawn, to moved and thrown aside at the whim of those who seem to be able to destroy all the freedom and beauty of life. But I am not writing about myself, only to let you know something of the situation. We have not suffered really, we have had an experience of fellowship and of the absolute value of our Christian faith and its worth to human being. We have generally been materially and physically quite splendid. They are now comfortable, busy and hopeful - and I think are looking forward to repatriation, for there is not much use in staying now. All are eager for their return and the opening again of a renewed and refined Yenching.

I have been writing to you rather at random. Will you send word to the China Colleges office, something of this latest news of Yenching Americans, and ask them to pass it on to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

L. R. O. Bevan X



the British were put on the list for repatriation with the two ships agreed upon for the exchange of "diplomats." I think all now are looking forward to a further repatriation of American and British - perhaps this month - but one thing learned from experience is that nothing is certain until it actually happens. Anyway I left them all comfortably settled in the Embassies with their own goods and chattels and "on the dole" - all well and all cheerful and organizing again in groups.

Needless to say Mamie all through has been a tower of strength.

As a matter of fact I am the only one who has as yet successfully got away - there were some seven or eight on the English list. We got to Shanghai, but all but myself have been left there. Cruel mismanagement, and not yet clear how or why this was done. Of all the evacuees from North China - - - (I cannot make out the number) have been left stranded in Shanghai, some sixty per cent of them ordered to leave their various homes. The whole business was done very rapidly. I had no idea a fortnight before of being evacuated, had quite made up my mind to stop till the end of the war - no alternative - and then I was the only one from Yenching. I felt like a deserter - the desertion was practically under orders, and it has been heart-breaking being torn away from one's life work, and leaving Yenching where one has so many dear friends. The last eight months there has been a realization of how one is less than a pawn, to move and thrown aside at the whim of those who seem to be able to destroy all the freedom and beauty of life. But I am not writing about myself, only to let you know something of the situation. We have not suffered really, we have had an experience of fellowship and of the absolute value of our Christian faith and its worth to human being. We have generally been materially and physically quite splendid. They are now comfortable, busy and hopeful - and I think are looking forward to repatriation, for there is not much use in staying now. All are eager for their return and the opening again of a renewed and refined Yenching.

I have been writing to you rather at random. Will you send word to the China Colleges office, something of this latest news of Yenching Americans, and ask them to pass it on to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

I. R. O. Bevan



TELEGRAMS: "MAJOTEL"
TELEPHONES 25901-234.

HOTEL MAJESTIC,
MARINE PARADE,
DURBAN.

22nd Oct 1942

Dear Mr. Forside,

Just a line to say at last
we are expecting to get away in
three or four days. I've been here
waiting for just a few weeks, &
I'm in real prospect of a ship early
next week. I left Yanching 18th 10th 7
August in ship chair to Lorenzo
Marguerite - another ship to leave
- I expect now I hope for
Australia. I was able to post
letters from Yanching people for
Lorenzo Marguerite which I hope
arrived all safely. I wrote
just line to Mrs. Spear - ~~enclosed~~
~~letter~~ saying I had posted one to her
for Marnie - and asked her to
interests of I expect for me now

0742

said on to you the news I was
able to give of Yenching, & its
people up to August 10th I left.
Then all were settled in the
America, a British Embassy, &
all hoping for repatriation. It
had become quite evident that
there was little more stopping & taking.
We were removed from Yenching
& things were beginning to tighten
up quite a bit. But our eight
months in Yenching, though not
without unpleasant incidents
was definitely an interment
"de luxe". Quite an experience.
Evacuation is not all a picnic,
but for me it has gone well
up to date. I noted some 15
letters from Louisa & others.

I have heard nothing of what
has happened in China (Yenching)
since leaving. There has been
rumor of further repatriation

I'm not attempting to give you
news in this letter. I wrote fairly
fully to Mrs. Spear & asked her
to relay it to you.

I will add again, that the
Eight Months, 8 Dec '41 to the
middle of July '42 at Yorkling
was not without its perils, but
we were a busy & self concerned
little community, not without
profit, & remarkably unified &
very charitable to each other. Our
Chorus has had a devotion.

Orchestra - too - but we there
did not suffer anything except
a limited restriction in quite a
number of directions.

I do hope you may read later
news - especially in the matter of
repatriation. I think almost for
all that would be a wise &
needed thing. Please put me
on the mailing list - I am
Yours very sincerely L. R. O. Blevins

TELEGRAMS: "MAJOTEL."
TELEPHONE 25901-234.

UNIVERSITIES

DEC 4 1942

HOTEL MAJESTIC,
MARINE PARADE,
DURBAN.

but I have had no actual
news.
I shall be glad to get to
Australia. It was hard to
leave, I want say desert -
but really the individual does
not have much to say there
days - not directly ordered at -
but what approach is order
for the man who has the gun.
I want to ask you to put
me again on the mailing list
when you send me news of
your day. The best address for

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY
MAY 24 1946
JOINT CEN

L. R. O. Brown
The Union Bank of Australia
Collins Street
Melbourne
Australia

December 2, 1942

Mr. L. R. O. Bevan
c/o The Union Bank of Australia
Collins Street
Melbourn, Australia

Dear Mr. Bevan:

Your letter of October 22nd, addressed to Garside, was most welcome. You are not familiar with the fact that he has resigned from the Associated Boards and is now Vice President and Secretary of United China Relief, 1790 Broadway, New York City. He accepted this larger responsibility in the hope that it would be a benefit to all China while incidentally helping the Colleges. It has proven to be well worth the effort.

Mrs. Speer has shared with me your letter regarding conditions in Peking and Mr. Jesse B. Wolfe has also been in the office, as well as John Goette. Dr. Snapper is now located in New York, having an office with the China Medical Board, and undoubtedly he will be here indefinitely. He tells a remarkably clear and appreciative story of the period he was incarcerated with Dr. Stuart and others.

There is no news regarding the second sailing of the repatriation ships. It is rumored that Stanley Wilson, Randolph Sailer and Louis Wolfers will be among the first listed from Yenching to return. We are praying that the whole crowd will be included.

Our office has received the schedules as prepared by the Advisory Committee as related to compensation for staff members in various classifications. I presume you have known of consideration which was given this subject. It would appear that your salary as of December 1st was \$256.00 and that there was an allowance of \$200.00 per month computed during the time of internment. For the first six months there was a debit against your account of \$351.86 leaving a local currency balance of \$848.14 or US\$169.63. There is also a pro rate amount on the basis of \$200.00 local currency per month due you from July 1 to the time of repatriation. This does not take into consideration the payment of full salary which, as yet, has not been acted upon by the Board of Trustees. A study has been prepared by the Finance Committee to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Reference is made to "certificates of indebtedness" and we are wondering if you have any such to present to the University. It would seem best to consult you first before making any attempt toward reaching final conclusions.

0746

Mr. Bevan

- 2 -

December 2, 1942

We will most gladly add your name to our list of those receiving information relative to the University and its work.

You will be interested in knowing that Mr. Charles Corbett has joined our staff on two-thirds time--being loaned by The Church Committee for China Relief. I am sure he would appreciate a line from you.

Very sincerely yours,

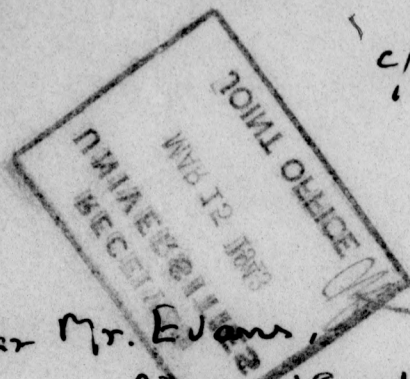
C. A. EVANS

CAE/S

Via Air Mail



0747



c/o Union Bank of Australia
Collins Street Melbourne
Australia

~~Dec~~ Feb. 8, 1943

ack 6/30/43

Dear Mr. Evans,

Many thanks for your letter of Dec 2, 1942. I was very glad to hear that my letters, & letters I was carrying in front of the Yenching people in Peking, had arrived safely. I posted some fifteen or sixteen for Laurence Marguerite, & I have heard of the safe arrival of two or three of them, & so assume the others got to their addressees alright. They were given to me as I left Peking last August, & I have had no later news from China.

From all I can find here the further-lepatriated ship did not get away from the Far East. I hope that those who were to go from Peking did not get as far as Shanghai. If they did get there, ~~I~~ a word left them I very much fear they would not be able to get back to Peking, - for indications when I left last August, the winter in Shanghai would be more difficult than in Peking. But I have had no word from China at all. I have written to Miss Bayliss in Chongting - but no news from her to date. I am trying to get word to Ralph Lapwood - in Chongting - & if that results in anything I will be sure to pass it on to you in America. Lapwood's wife formerly Nancy Stuckey, has her parents in Melbourne, & they

Communicate through the Lanka Mission in India,
but they have had no news of Peking up to date.
You mention financial matters in your letter
and imagine a settlement will have to be left for a little
while. I say someone is making certificates of
independence. It may be that. Then there is a
document signed when we went on maintenance
provided through the Swiss Red Cross. I think it was
by the Japanese. The after two months through
a American & British Committee. The maintenance
all quarters were 200 local dollars a month & paid
to the end of July. Whether anyone wants there is
to be asked for directly. Now each individual when
the war is over - or whether you will be asked
to repay I don't know at all. So I imagine the
arrangements for settlement are still in the
future. The figures you give in your letter
are the last I had before leaving. I represent
only situation as of June 30th 1942. We were
paid our December 1941 salary in full by the
University & this went on the maintenance arrangement.
I will wait further information from you & will
then write again.
Many thanks for putting what I have written
in perspective. I hope to be able to go to Shanghai
in the near future. I am very anxious about the
situation. It is being a very difficult winter - both for
and pretty certain of the fact that the Japanese have set up
a state of emergency internment conditions may be quite severe

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITY
JUL 1942
JOINT OFFICE

June 30, 1943

Mr. L. R. O. Bevan
c/o The Union Bank of Australia
Collins Street
Melbourn, Australia

Dear Mr. Bevan:

I received a letter from you dated February 8th but it was a long time in transit and arrived at a time when we were submerged in preparation for our Annual Meetings which includes the Associated Boards two-day conclave followed by the individual College Boards. Even yet we have not emerged from the mess of minutes and consequent committee meetings. Another reason for delaying a reply is that we had no word regarding any further repatriation of citizens. A short time ago, however, the American newspapers carried the encouraging news from Washington that lists of Japanese in America were being looked up and that there was hope for a further exchange of approximately 1500 citizens. We have hopes that the GRIPSHOLM will leave New York around the 15th of July which would mean, if all things work out satisfactory, that it would return about the latter part of September.

We have letters from Miss Boynton in Chengtu and also from Ralph Lapwood. He is with Yenching University and has written us several times on policy of administration.

I note what you say regarding the financial situation and I am grateful for these additional sidelights. I had not known of the advance of US\$500 and presumably all of these things will be adjusted when some of those in authority now interned in China return to the United States. As the time when, presumably, some of them will be arriving is so short now, it would seem best to let the matter rest in abeyance. The attitude of the Board of Trustees, however, is that salary adjustments must be made with staff members as soon as convenient.

Mr. Corbett sends best regards to you and hopes that some day when you have nothing else to do that you will write him a real personal letter. I wish you were here so that we could have a long talk with you.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via air mail
c.c. via regular mail

0752

RECEIVED
UNIVERSITIES
JUL 2 1943
JOINT OFFICE

0753

3
2
0
4
8
8
6

IN MEMORY OF MR. L. R. O. BEVAN

The Yenching University Committee records its sense of loss in the passing of Mr. L. R. O. Bevan who was killed in an automobile accident in Australia in October 1946. Mr. Bevan had been a friend of Yenching University for nearly three decades, during the latter years serving as an honorary lecturer.

Mr. Bevan lived an interesting and useful life. He was born in London of Welsh parents. When he was about four years of age he accompanied his family to New York where his father served as pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church for a period of two or three years. The family then moved to Australia where his father became an outstanding leader among the Congregational churches.

Mr. Bevan took a B. A. degree at Melbourne and then went to Cambridge University where he earned the degrees M. A. and LL.B. He was then a barrister-at-law first at Gray's Inn, London and afterwards at Melbourne.

Mr. Bevan's initial position in China was as a teacher in Shansi University. Then he came to Peking and became a teacher both in the National Peking University and the institution then known as the Customs College.

When Yenching University was located at Kuei-Chia Chang in the South-east corner of Peking, before moving to the campus outside the walls, Mr. Bevan was a near neighbor and became well acquainted with the members of the faculty, being affectionately known even to westerners by his Chinese title "Pi Lao-yeh." In 1926 he volunteered his services to Yenching University and became an honorary lecturer in the Department of Political Science. He resided on the Yenching campus for several years and was a welcome member of the community.

When the outbreak of hostilities between China and Japan occurred in 1937, Mr. Bevan had already retired and was visiting in England, but he hastened back to Yenching to help in any way he could. He remained there until August 1942 when he was repatriated to Australia where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Bevan was a Christian layman whose influence was felt in many phases of life. He was English Secretary of the Chinese Commission on Extraterritoriality from 1923 - 1926, his knowledge of law being a valuable asset. His character was well revealed in a sentence he wrote from Durban, South Africa in 1942 about his internment experiences in Peiping: "We have not suffered really, we have had an experience of fellowship and of absolute value of our Christian faith and its worth to human being."

Note: As Miss Margaret Speer did not find time to write a memorial minute on Mr. Bevan as requested by the Yenching University Committee, the above statement was prepared by Mr. Charles H. Corbett.

Bigelow Foundation

3

2

0

4

8

8

6

0755

FIRST TRUST COMPANY OF SAINT PAUL
STATE BANK

AFFILIATED WITH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SAINT PAUL
CAPITAL \$1,000,000

PHILIP L. RAY
PRESIDENT

LOUIS S. HEADLEY
VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLES J. CURLEY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

RUSSELL M. COLLINS,
GEORGE M. BRACK,
WALTER E. KUNZE,
KARL F. DREHER.

VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TRUST OFFICER
TRUST OFFICER

HORACE P. FISH,
ULRIC C. SCOTT,
EDWARD W. SPRING,
LEWIS E. DUNN, CORPORATE TRUST OFFICER
HAROLD C. SODERMAN,

TRUST OFFICER
TRUST OFFICER
TRUST OFFICER
TRUST OFFICER
COMPTROLLER

JAMES E. STEVENSON,
MINOR B. PALMER,
WALTER W. AHL,
P. E. THAYER,

INVESTMENT OFFICER
REAL ESTATE OFFICER
ASS'T REAL ESTATE OFFICER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

June 18, 1943.

Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is check of the Bigelow Foundation
payable to your order in the sum of \$25.00 being a con-
tribution per order of the trustees.

Very truly yours

Charles J. Curley
Assistant to the President

CJC:ne
enc
A-1673

0756

June 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Gurley:

The Trustees of Yenching University greatly appreciate your letter of June 18th, enclosing \$25.00 for the current needs of Yenching University.

You indicate that this is a gift from the Trustees of the Bigelow Foundation. We would like to correct our list of contributors in St. Paul and wonder if you can give us the individual inspiring this gift. Enclosed find stamped envelope for your convenience.

May I say in addition that this gift comes at a most opportune time when the need of Yenching is far greater because of the expenses incidental to the internment of a large portion of the staff in North China, and also the opening of the University at Chengtu. Thus we doubly appreciate the thought as well as the money.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

Mr. Charles J. Gurley
Bigelow Foundation
c/o First Trust Company of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minnesota

0757

Bigger Staff, Knight

.. Camilla Mills

3

2

0

4

8

8

6

075A

Taken from discarded file copy
November 19, 1929 E. W.

Peking, China
April 4, 1928.

Mr. Knight Biggarstaff,
43 Conant Hall,
Cambridge, Mass. ✓

My dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

Your letter of February 26 arrived a few days ago. I was interested in seeing again the Harvard University seal and letterhead for it happens that I completed a period of doctorate study at Harvard only last June.

We were interested in your proposal to come to Yenching for study. Probably you have heard of the organization of the Harvard-Yenching institute, although this institute is not directly mentioned in your letter. The Institute expects to develop graduate study, in Sinology both at Yenching and at Harvard and your plan naturally interests us in connection with the work of the Institutes.

I fear, however, that we cannot offer you much here at Yenching at the present time. In the reorganized form Yenching is relatively new having been operating on the present basis for only ten years, and only one year ago last autumn were we able to occupy our new site and buildings. We have been developing graduate work very slowly, desiring to consolidate and improve our undergraduate work as much as possible before making provision for graduate studies. As we stand now a few departments are offering graduate work enough to cover the M.A. degree, but thus far we are not prepared to conduct study leading up to the doctorate. The more advanced study is on our program and we hope to be able to develop it in a few years. Thus far we have only about forty graduate students scattered through several departments.

Apparently, your interests are in History and Political Science. It happens that Professor William Hung who would be our best man to direct your studies in History is taking

0759

a year off beginning this summer and is expecting to be at Harvard. In the Department of Political Science Dr. Shuhsi Hsu, the chairman, is busy organizing and expanding the work of the department on the basis of only two or three years experience and inadequate finances, and as far as the regular courses are concerned we feel that those which are offered for our Chinese students would scarcely be profitable for you after you have received your Master's Degree. I feel that the best we can offer you would be guidance in individual reading and research. Library facilities for such work, however, are rather limited unless you could work in the Chinese language, which presumably is out of the question.

As to the possibility of doing some teaching which you mention in the latter part of your letter, I have to report at the present time that we have no vacancy on the staff.

I have mentioned before that Professor Hung expects to be in Harvard next year. Also as a part of the development of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Professor L. C. Porter and Baron von Stael Holstein, the former a member of our Yenching staff and the latter carrying on research work in Peking supported by the Harvard-Yenching Institute, are also expecting to be in Harvard next year. Their presence there might make it possible for you to continue profitably further study in Harvard, although of course, I am not in a position to advise on this point.

It happens that our President, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, (c/o Office of Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City) is now in America and I will send a copy of my reply to him. If you care to consult with him further regarding questions of study I am sure he will be glad to confer with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt
Co-acting President

0760



43 Conant Hall
Cambridge Mass
April 5, 1928

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Ave
New York City

My dear sir:

I received a letter today from Mr. Vernon Nash, concerning possibilities of my going to China next year. I had hoped to obtain a teaching position but as openings seemed rather few I decided to go out anyway, and study. I talked with the Dean of the Graduate School here regarding the possibilities of study at Peking under the Harvard--Yenching Institute plan, but he could give me no information except concerning work right here. So I got in touch with Mr. Nash through a friend and he advised me to write directly to you.

I hold an A.B. degree from the University of California and shall receive a Master of Arts degree from Harvard this coming June. My field of interest is International Relations, especially in the Far East, and after numerous talks with Dr. Hornbeck last semester I decided that I shall be in a much better position to take a PhD degree after having spent several years in the Far

0761

April 5, 1928



East studying the situation and background at first hand.

I believe that the most fertile area for work in my field is Manchuria, so hoped to locate either there or in Peking, the latter probably being preferred from the point of view of facilities for study. Unfortunately I am not financially independent and I shall have to go into debt to do as I wish, but I feel that the end justifies the means.

I wrote directly to Yenching University and also to the School of Chinese Studies for information over a month ago, but of course I shall not hear from them for some little time. Accordingly, and at Mr. Nash's suggestion, I decided to write to you for any information or advice which you might be able to give me.

Hoping that this request will in no way inconvenience you, I am

Respectfully yours,

Knight Biggerstaff

0762

April 10, 1928.

My dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

On my return to the office today I found your letter and am writing to say that there seems to be no suggestion I can make that would help in the carrying out of your plan for further study in Peking. Our own University has at present no vacancies in your subject and I know of no other institution that would probably have any. With the political uncertainties, there is not very much likelihood of any opening that would assist you financially. If, however, you care to study at our University, and if this work would be given credit toward a doctorate at Harvard, we should be very glad to have you, and I think could satisfy your needs. Another possibility would be to seek to secure a doctorate from Princeton University in view of the presence with us during the coming semester of Professor E. S. Corwin who, as you doubtless know, holds the Woodrow Wilson Chair of Political Science at Princeton. Apart from the cost of travel to and from Peking, you would find living expenses considerably less. If you are interested, I shall be glad to give you further information along this line and am sending you one of the bulletins of our Political Science Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Knight Biggerstaff
43 Conant Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

JLS:O
Enc

0763



43 Conant Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.,
May 7, 1928.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Mr. dear Dr. Stuart:

Since seeing you I have had several talks with both Dean Chase and Professor Blakeslee concerning my taking work at Yenching next year, and both are so enthusiastic that I have definitely decided to go. But I do not think that I had better ask you to make definite living arrangements for me yet, unless it would be otherwise inconvenient for you, for I had rather wait until I reach home before making an absolutely final decision. I intend to reach California about the first of July and would write to you in Peking immediately, if that arrangement is satisfactory.

There are a few things which I have jotted down from time to time and I am taking the liberty of asking you about them at this time. Some of the questions are perhaps rather insignificant, but I am not very well informed concerning the situation which I shall run into in Yenching.

With regard to board and room: when I talked with you you mentioned two possibilities, besides actual Chinese conditions which I imagine I would have a little difficulty adjusting myself to at once. I wonder if you would give me a little further idea concerning those two, (I believe that you mentioned European quarters and a private family) and what each would cost. Further, in matters of expenses, what is the tuition fee for graduate students, how much would I pay a student tutor for Chinese language study, and how would I transfer funds from San Francisco to myself at Yenching?

0764

May 7, 1928

In regard to transportation, what route would you advise me to take in going out from San Francisco? As to baggage, I believe that I shall have no difficulty in getting all of my necessities into a medium sized trunk and a couple of bags; I suppose that I would have no difficulty in getting those through. Then, how should I arrange for the transportation of myself and my effects from Pekin out to the University?

As you know I wish to spend my first year more on the general background of Chinese economic, social, political and historical conditions. How large a library of books written in English is available at the University? I suppose that it would be foolish to carry any books with me, even more or less standard works.

Hurry
—o

Regarding clothing, would you advise me to refit before leaving America or will the things I need be just as available in Pekin? What climatic conditions can I expect? Is there gymnasium and other athletic equipment available on the Campus?

I can think of no other questions save one concerning my mail and cable addresses out there. I would want to know those before leaving, for the convenience of my family and friends.

I am looking forward to a most profitable year at Yenching and am most grateful to you both for supplying me with information from time to time and for the encouragement which makes such a step as this more alluring and stimulating.

I shall leave for home on June 13th and after that time my address will be:
2957 Piedmont Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Yours very sincerely,

Knight Biggerstaff

15,000 for this

0765

May 8, 1928

My dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

Your letter has just reached me and as I am in such a rush to finish up all important business matters before sailing I am writing at once.

I am indeed glad to know that you have definitely determined to come to us next summer and shall await your final word after conference with your family.

In answer to your questions: -

The living arrangements could either be in our Western bachelor teachers mess or with one of the faculty families. In each case, the board, light, heat, etc. would run about \$60. per month. On my arrival I shall make inquiries as to possibilities in these two directions.

Regarding tuition fees, we are just beginning to go in definitely for graduate work and must reach a formal decision regarding fees; probably this will be not more than \$100 a year.

The language study would not be more than \$10 a month.

All these figures are in silver, approximately one-half of the value of American currency.

The simplest way perhaps for your transfer of funds would be through the National City Bank of New York which has a Peking branch or you could have New York drafts sent to you and then deposited by you in their local bank. Don't have remittances sent to China in silver but always New York drafts in gold to be exchanged for silver in Peking.

As to transportation, I suggest that you take a Dollar Line or Japanese steamer from San Francisco to Kobe, Japan and transfer there to a Japanese coasting steamer to Tientsin. On arrival in Tientsin, go to the Astor House hotel and ask them to help you in getting to Peking. Meanwhile, keep me informed by letter or telegram and we shall try to have you met. Your baggage can

0766

Mr. Biggerstaff

2

go on the steamers to Tientsin without difficulty and can be checked on your ticket to Peking though you may have to pay a little excess on the railroad. On arrival in Peking, we can arrange for having it brought out to our campus.

I should advise you to take most of your standard reference books with you. You must realize that our university is quite a young and struggling institution and our library will seem very small to any one from Harvard. There will be no expense for this extra baggage on the steamers and the cost from Tientsin to Peking will probably be slight. You will be much more satisfied with your work in China with these books around you. If I can find records here of books at present in our library in your subjects, I shall ask to have it sent to you.

Regarding clothing, you can purchase pretty much what you would want in Tientsin and Peking although it might be better to fit yourself out for immediate needs with American goods. What you buy out there is chiefly British. You will want heavy underwear and other clothing for quite cold winter conditions. Our buildings are heated but rarely up to the American temperature.

You will find or can purchase locally athletic equipment.

Mail should be addressed to Yenching University, Peking, China and our cable address is Yenta Peking. That with your name will insure messages reaching you.

I note your California address.

Awaiting further word from you and with much interest in this attractive experiment,

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Knight Biggerstaff
43 Conant Hall
Cambridge
Massachusetts

JLS:O

P S I am asking Mr. Wannamaker to send you such information as is available in regard to the library.

0767

Camilla Mills

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Knight Biggerstaff
72 Wendell Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I am writing Mrs. Avan of a young woman now in New Haven, who is interested in Yenching, and asking questions about the work in the Home Economics Department. Her name is Miriam F. Clarke and her present address is 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut. She is a Methodist, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, and has had two periods of graduate study in physical chemistry and physiology in Yale. She has also been an instructor in physiology in both Mount Holyoke and Western Reserve. In a letter to me she writes as follows:

"I am still interested in possible positions in Yenching for 1932, and would like to learn more of the Home Economics position you mentioned. I am interested especially in the question of advanced work and would like to ask whether there is equipment for animal and chemical research, and whether there might be advanced students (Senior and graduate students) prepared to share in research problems. My recent experience at Yale has made me anxious to continue investigations into nutrition problems, in connection with my teaching..."

It may be that the W.F.M.S. has secured Miss Eckert, or someone else for the Home Economics position in Yenching, but I should like to know whether you think Miss Clarke might be fitted for the position in case there is still a need. It is fine that the W.F.M.S. is assigning Miss Russell to Yenching for the present school year, but as you well understand, we should be getting a new person to the field not later than the summer of 1932. I wish she could go earlier so as to have some months of language study, but that may not be possible. Will you answer Miss Clarke's questions? I should be very glad to have a copy of your letter, or if you are not equipped with a typewriter at present and will write me, I will pass on what you say to Miss Clarke. I realize that we know little about her, but she seems in many ways a well equipped young woman,

0768

Mrs. K.B.--2.

and I think we should cultivate her interest at least until we know that we will not need her.

I hope you are getting nicely settled and are already feeling at home in Cambridge.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.

EBL:dsw

0769

RECEIVED
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

AUG 7 1931

Ans. _____

2957 Piedmont Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.
Aug. 3, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I received your letter just before I started down here to visit my new family. I am sorry to have delayed in answering but I was hoping to get a letter from Yenching before I wrote. When I left the prospect was very good of securing a person on the field to take my place for this year - Miss Mary Katherine Russell (W.S.M.S.) who has been in Language School this year. Mrs. Frame and I thought that this would give more time to find the new person. Miss Milam is now on her way to China and will be in Yenching soon. She was recommending a

Miss Blanche Eckert very highly
and I think the Columbia River
Branch of the W. L. M. S. is hoping
to send her in my place. I
shall write you again as
soon as I get definite information
but meanwhile I think you
need not worry about sending
anyone for this year.

I expect to see Margaret and
Augusta off on Thursday and
will spend Wednesday catching
them up on affairs at Yreka.

We are leaving for Boston
about the first of September and
I shall let you know when
we are settled.

Sincerely yours,

Camilla M. Biggerstaff.

P.S. A letter addressed to
Forest Grove, Oregon will always
reach me.

July 20, 1931

Mrs. Knight Biggerstaff
c/o Mrs. E. C. Mills
Forest Grove, Ore.

Dear Camilla;

Let me first of all extend to you my congratulations and my very best wishes for your future happiness. I shall hope sometime to meet your husband and to have an opportunity to express to him also my felicitations and good wishes. Am I right in understanding that you are planning to come east for work perhaps in Harvard this fall? It will be good to see you.

Today I am writing, however, to ask you to do what you can to help in securing your successor in the house-hold economics department in Yenching. Naturally we hope that the WFMS will be able to find and appoint the right one for this work as her salary will not otherwise be available. Miss Kendrick is this week sailing for Europe expecting to be gone a year. Thus it is that she has left the unfinished correspondence with me. I have written to Mrs. Avann and Miss Milam ^{candidates} urging them to do what they can so that the new appointee may go out this fall. In the meantime I had, a few days ago, a letter from a young woman in Elyria, Ohio, who writes of her preparation as follows:

"I received a B. S. degree from Battle Creek College in 1930 where I majored in Foods and Nutrition; since that time I have completed six months as student dietitian in Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland a course which is approved by the American Dietetic Association."

Her questions made me feel that I needed more specific information about the work required in Yenching if I am to have any share in the selection of the new teacher. Can you find time to write and send me a brief statement as to the type of work most needed from the new teacher and the kind of training and experience she should have had. If you should know that the WFMS has secured someone for this position you need not bother to write this statement. If the right one has not been found, I should think it would

0772

RECEIVED
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

OCT 1 1931

Ans. _____

72 Wendell St.
Cambridge, Mass.
Oct. 1, 1931.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I received your letter last night telling about Miss Clarke who would like to go to Yenching in the Home Economics Department. She has had very excellent scientific preparation apparently but as I see it we need someone there who is prepared to teach the more general phases of Home Economics — Child Care and Development, Household Management, applied art work, etc. This is particularly true if Chien I does not remain longer than this year — (as I have reason to think she may not) — and if Lan-chun Kung, who is working for her Ph.D. in Nutrition at Columbia, goes back this next summer as the plan has been to have her. Lan-chun is primarily interested in Nutrition and the allied subject — matter so that she and Mrs. Clarke would be interested in precisely the same thing.

0774

I do not know whether the W. L. M. S.
has secured Miss Eckert but I did write
to Mrs. Henderson a few days ago urging
them to send someone as quickly as
possible.

I must write Lan-chew soon and
find out what her plans are but the
last Mrs. Freame and I heard she
was expecting to return this next
summer and was eager to develop
our work in Nutrition. I do not
think that we should say "no," definitely,
to Miss Clarke yet until more is known
about Lan-chew but I do think it
would be a mistake to send out
two people prepared to teach in
a limited field when one person is
needed who has had rather broad
Home Economics training.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were with us
for luncheon yesterday and we
had a grand afternoon of visiting.

Sincerely yours,

Camilla M. Biggerstaff.

I shall not write Miss Clarke this
time unless you particularly wish me to.

72 Wendell St.
Cambridge, Mass.
April 2, 1932.

Dear Mr. Stuart,

We were very happy
to learn from Grace
Boynton that you are
to be in Boston next
week-end. I telephoned
Dean Monham's office
on Wednesday but the
secretary knew nothing
of your program. However,
Dean Monham returned
this morning and says
he knows of nothing.

which would interfere with
a Yenching tea next
Sunday afternoon. I am
going ahead to ask the
Cambridge "Yenchingites" in
to tea for that afternoon
from 4 to 6 and we
certainly hope that
nothing will prevent
your joining us. It
would be too disappointing
to try to give Hamlet
with Hamlet left out!

Trusting that we
shall see you next
Sunday afternoon, I am,

Most cordially,

Camilla M. Biggers

(Sel. Univ. 6544-M)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Knight Biggerstaff
72 Wendell Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Camilla:

I very much want to talk with you about one or two things connected with Yenching. Can you perhaps make it convenient to come in some day soon for a little visit. Any day this week would be all right with me and I think you would undoubtedly find me in even if I did not know in advance just when you were coming.

I have received and filled out for you two or three blanks in regard to a possible position. I shall be interested to know whether anything in the line you want has as yet appeared on the horizon for you.

Always affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

Lsb

0778

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BOARDMAN HALL

August 11, 1944

Yenching University
New York City

Gentlemen,

Enclosed you will find a check for \$100 to be applied to current expenses of Yenching in Chungking. This is only a token payment on what I owe Yenching for its contributions to my personal happiness and my professional career.

Will you please change my address on the Yenching Alumni Roll to: Boardman Hall, Ithaca, N.Y. This is a more nearly permanent address than that of my present residence.

Sincerely yours,
Knight Biggerstaff
Assoc. Prof. of Chinese History
Cornell Univ.

0779

August 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

The interest of American friends, like yourself, in Yenching University, is most encouraging and deeply appreciated.

We wish to thank you on behalf of the staff and students of the University, for the share you are having in making the continuation of their work possible during this war period.

Our receipt for your gift is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mr. Knight Biggerstaff
Boardman Hall
Ithaca, New York

0780