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Oct. 1. 1937

About ten days after the incident at the Marco Polo bridge, a trivial affair that was the signal for hostilities to spread like a leaping flame all over North China and far down the coast, the President, the Porters and I had gone out to spend Sunday in the Western Hills. From above Pi Yun Ssu we looked through field glasses down across the plain to the bridge; it slept in the sunshine, nothing stirred. We were talking of China's chances in the event of a really big show, her army, her air force, her economic resources, when Lucius suddenly said, "There are the people who will win in the end, in those villages, by the sheer force of their quiet, persistent living-- they have always won". The philosopher had found the solution.

It was about a week after that that we had our first taste of terror, those of us who were here at Yenching, when we woke to the roar of planes overhead, and thought at first that the bombs were falling on our own campus. And again, later that same day, when from the top of our pagoda, where a phone had been installed and a few of us were sent to keep watch, we realized even with our lack of military acumen, that if the Chinese artillery that was holding a line three miles to the north of us at Ching Ho, were forced to fall back before the oncoming Japanese forces, we might be caught between artillery fire. But these dangers passed quickly and we have now only the lurking fear of what may be in store for our Chinese colleagues and students through arrest and possible torture.

On the day following the first bombing of the barracks on the other side of our wall, Lucius Porter and I cycled over to Tsing Hua University to see how our colleagues had fared there, and found a little group of faculty, weary but hanging on grimly under orders, their students having been sent away that morning. As we passed through their spacious library, our footsteps echoed through the deserted building--magazines, papers, books lay as the students had left them in their hurried flight. Yesterday, passing along the streets of Peiping, I was treated to the sight of the National University (Pei Ta), its entrance sandbagged, streams of soldiers arriving and departing, while every window was draped with the undergarments of the Japanese army. It looked like the East Side of New York. But up today, here we are at Yenching unharmed. At night our dormitories are alight and alive with the happy sound of students' voices, and in the daytime the bicycles are so thick in front of the library and classroom buildings that they lean as ever against our precious hedges and shrubs, and I, a vigilant member of our landscape committee, cannot bring myself to feel annoyed. In the face of what has befallen other institutions in this country it would seem that we here are leading a charmed life.

I was a student in college in Canada when the war burst upon us in 1914, and our method of rising to meet that emergency is very vivid in my mind. Here again on a University campus I find myself under war conditions, and again I watch the reactions. But here there is something different, something it would seem to me of the spirit of the farmers in the villages, an undisturbed turning again to the business of life when fear has passed - an enduring quality that survives centuries of battle and conquest now forgotten - a something in the Chinese makeup that has even conquered the fear of fear.

I have been conscious of this, not always alas ! where one would most hope to find it, and sometimes where one would least expect it.

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In the middle of August I was asked, as a British member of the staff, to convoy a little party of our students going abroad, down to Tientsin and into the British Concession there (then under a state of emergency and closed to Chinese unless provided with passes from the Embassy). Our journey that normally takes a little over two hours, began for some in the middle of the night with a rush for seats on the train scheduled to leave in the morning. Chinese, caught in the north, were hurrying south in great numbers before communications would be cut. This was just before the Japanese began their offensive in Shanghai. Whole families boarded the train and there were many children. It was one of the hottest days of the summer. In the space where I was sitting which ordinarily held eight people, I counted over twenty. We left Peiping at 8:00 a.m. No one could move, we were packed so closely in the cars. The day dragged on. We counted over thirty complete troop train units, with lorries, cavalry, artillery, etc. heading towards Peiping, and then ceased counting. At midnight we reached the deserted Central Station. Here we were held for two hours and here an elderly gentleman in the next car died of heat-stroke and a little mother in our car was fearful that her six weeks old baby would die too. At last we reached the East Station to find it packed with an army about to move into the city. As I look back on that trip, what stands out most vividly in my mind is the amazing patience and quiet endurance of the people, and especially the children. All through the long day and night they were so still, so uncomplaining, it was almost uncanny. If they are an indication of China's powers of endurance, then she can certainly endure.

After finishing my business in Tientsin I went on to the seaside for a few weeks holiday. On my return I found a new terror had struck our community, that of bandits operating in the villages about us since our police protection has been removed. The Chinese clerk in my office came each morning with fresh tales of shooting and robbing, until finally he was forced to move his family into Peiping. But only the other day he said to me, "We were always afraid of the Japanese before this trouble began, but now we are no longer afraid."

The sound of the fighting in this area has now passed out of earshot. We were all frightened badly in those early days, we and the 1500 odd refugees that took shelter on our campus, but our quiet normal life has returned, and with it dignity, and I hope endurance. Now as we drive in and out of town we see the farmers turning again to the cutting of their crops and throwing back their sweet potato vines. I would seem rather as if we were called upon to play the role of the Chinese farmer, who has conquered the fear of fear and can endure. Perhaps we too by the sheer force of our quiet, persistent living may be one small factor in helping China to endure.

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Hilda L. Hague

October 1, 1937

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Jim Chenick for all the trouble she<sup>2</sup>  
took me my troubles, and indeed  
I want to thank all of you  
in the office, and you in  
particular, for everything you  
did for me. I felt as if  
I had come through like a  
whirlwind, and she see  
as if I were giving things  
space. I hear there are lots

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of studies in San Francisco at  
the moment, and hope there  
will spread to shipping!

I enclose a reference to Dr.  
Tunley here. He had very  
much and says nothing  
about his wife, but at least  
efforts he was in Shanghai  
on August 11.

I'll send another line before  
I sail, so you'll know when

I am really off: 4

with best wishes and  
again many thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

Hilda J. Hague <sup>HILDA HAGUE</sup>

P.S. I hope you can read this.

The handwriting is very shaky

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February 11, 1940.

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(in letter to Dr. Hung)

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燕 京 大 學  
PEIPING, WEST  
北 平 西 郊

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Garside:

The material on the budget and the Five Year Plan were mailed hastily to you yesterday, and today in checking it over I have found a few typing errors one of which I think should be called to your attention. On page 20 of the Five Year Plan (bottom of the page) the date of the Trustees meeting should read April 11 and not April 22.

*Correction  
made.*

Very sincerely yours,

*Huda I. Hogue*  
Secretary

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November 27, 1940

Miss Hilda Hague  
Yenching University  
Peking, China

Dear Miss Hague:

I have had an opportunity to talk with Mr. William Hung regarding the Harvard-Yenching Institute annual reports. Mr. Hung tells me that before he left Peking, three copies of the reports were mailed to America, one to Dr. Elisseeff at Cambridge, one to Mr. Hung, care of the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Cambridge, and one to the office of the Associated Boards in New York. This last one has never been received and apparently has gone astray some place in the mail. Mr. Hung asked me to see if you could furnish our office with another copy.

We try to keep a complete file of these reports in our office since they give considerable valuable information to which we need to refer from time to time. It also gives us the assurance that the reports are reaching Cambridge in time for their annual meeting each year.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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北 平 西 郊

Mr. J.I. Parker,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have received your letter of November 27 and am writing to say that we are mailing you today the extra copy of our Harvard-Yenching Institute Annual Reports for 1939-40. We are sorry that the copy sent you went astray.

Very sincerely yours,

*Hilda L. Hague*

Hilda L. Hague  
Acting for Mr. Hung

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February 1, 1941.

Mr. B.A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

This is to inform you that I am leaving in a few days for a short furlough in Canada. I hope to be back again in September. I shall miss Mr. Hung by a few days which is unfortunate, but it is difficult for a Britisher to get passage just now, so I thought I had better abide by my original arrangements to leave on the N.Y.K. Hikawa Maru which departs from Kobe on February 9.

Will you kindly put me on your mailing list for any material that is being sent out from your office. I am especially anxious to have a copy of the President's letter describing his trip to the South and West. He did not bring a copy north with him, and would like me to bring back a copy that he can keep on file here.

sent copy  
of Stuart's  
letter  
of 7-30-39  
to Y. Trustees.  
J.P.P.

My address in Canada will be March and April, c/o Miss Marion Hague, Ten Mile Point, Victoria, B.C., Canada, and from May to September, 132 University Avenue, Kingston, Ont. Canada.

Very sincerely yours,

*Hilda L. Hague*  
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Dear Mr. Fairide:

I sent you a line before leaving  
Peking on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, but of  
course, we never knew how long  
these letters will be on the way,  
or whether they will reach their  
destination.

It was very unfortunate that

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I had to leave yesterday before  
the arrival of Dr. Hung. He was  
due in Shanghai, I think, on the  
5<sup>th</sup>, but I felt I had better stick  
to my original plans, since  
transportation is such a problem  
these days.

I arrived in Vancouver on the  
24<sup>th</sup> on the Hikawa Maru. We  
had a very good passage, and  
a very interesting passenger  
list. Bishop Milnes of the

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American Consul Nisim in Japan  
was on the boat, and other  
missionaries, and it was very  
enlightening to hear from them  
of conditions in Japan. A B.  
Ikawa (a former vice Minister  
of Finance) was also on board  
and some Japanese professors  
going to Germany, and I  
and an American missionary  
from the Yangtze Valley were  
asked to talk to them about

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conditions in China, which we  
did. I was extremely guarded  
in what I said about Yenching,  
but we told them a few home  
truths about other parts of  
the country. Mr. Ikawa had  
previously given us a talk,  
and I was amazed that  
he spoke so frankly — he is  
apparently a pacifist who  
had worked hard for dis-  
armament, and he admitted

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that his country had made a big  
mistake in joining the Axis.

I think I shall stay here at  
least a month. I have already  
been asked to speak in China  
to the Kiwanis Club here and  
three groups, and of course, am  
delighted to do it. But it  
would be a mad beef if you  
could send me any recent  
material you may have.  
I am especially anxious to

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have the report that President  
Stewart sent you of the list  
he and Mr. Houghton made  
to the South and West. He  
has no copy of this in Peking,  
having mailed it before he  
came home. He is anxious  
for me to bring back a copy  
with me. In this connection,  
though I was carrying a  
great deal of material that  
I was anxious should escape

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The prying eyes of Tafau, so far  
as I know none of my baggage  
was opened.

Before I left Pelang in  
Coolingham gave me my  
passage money, but that is  
all I have had to date. Would  
you kindly send my salary  
money and rental allowance  
to me here. I wonder too  
if some one in your office  
would be so kind as to put for

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me a copy of Life that has the  
yearling coloured pictures,  
which I have not seen yet;  
and also the January and  
February copies of America  
and Asia, and have the  
latest two magazines send  
to me regularly until I leave  
for China in the autumn.  
I would not trouble you otherwise  
with this, but it seems impossible  
to let hold of these magazines

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not here. I will let your office  
know as soon as I decide  
to go East.

It is certainly thrilling  
to be on this continent  
again after over six years.  
I hope the wrecks have  
arrived safely. I have been  
wondering whether Mr.  
Sailer decided to stay in

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Belonging <sup>man</sup> after all. any news  
you can give me of what  
our people over here are doing  
will be most welcome.

Also, if you have any news  
of what Dr. Huxley,  
accomplished at Cambridge  
I shall be delighted to hear  
of. His letters either  
went astray, or he was  
too cautious to write us

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anything, for no news I all  
had come through before I left.  
With all good wishes,  
Very sincerely yours,  
Rudie J. Hague

P.S. My present address is  
as given in this letter. Anything  
can be sent to me here, until I  
notify you of a change of  
address.

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March 5, 1941

Miss Hilda L. Hague  
c/o Miss Marion Hague  
Ten Mile Point  
Victoria, B.C., Canada

Dear Miss Hague:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of February 1st to Mr. Garside, in which you tell of your plans for furlough in Canada. We have made note of your addresses, and will keep in touch with you while you are at home.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of President Stuart's letter to the Board of Trustees in reference to his last trip to Chungking. I believe this is the one to which you refer as being missing in his file in Peking. If it is not, please let us know and we will try to find the right one.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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March 19, 1941

Miss Hilda Hague  
c/o Miss Marion Hague  
Ten Mile Point  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Miss Hague:

Your letter of the 5th addressed to Mr. Garside came to hand and we have just answered a letter to Miss Cookingham giving authorization for salary payments. The first check was mailed yesterday.

You certainly had a very interesting experience in your trip across the Pacific and can imagine how guarded you were in expressing your own attitude.

We will send you a copy of the letter covering Dr. Stuart's trip to Chungta, also a copy of LIFE containing the Yenching colored pictures. We will enter subscriptions for Amerasia and Asia to be dated back to January and February during your period of stay in the United States.

Yes, the Wiants have arrived and we have heard from them. There is nothing particularly new with regard to any activities on the campus which can be passed on at the present time. We do not know what Dr. Hung accomplished at Cambridge and regret that we do not have this information, as there have been calls from Dr. Porter and Stephen Tsai for the same.

If we can be of further service, please do not hesitate to command us.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. We will send several specimens of literature which we have on hand and will forward more if you so desire.

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followed that up in detail  
with some remarks on the  
loss of Britain's prestige in  
North China; then, gave  
my reasons as to why I  
thought China would  
win the war. I know I  
am going to be asked to  
speak at a big public  
meeting, arranged to  
encourage the Canadian  
Government to send supplies

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wheat to China. Before I  
accept, I should like to have  
some advice from you as  
to how careful we should  
be.

Would you kindly, when  
you are next writing  
Miss Woolseyham, send  
her U.S. 10.00 from my  
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<sub>to 98.92</sub>  
account, telling her that  
it is from me to put to  
my personal account at

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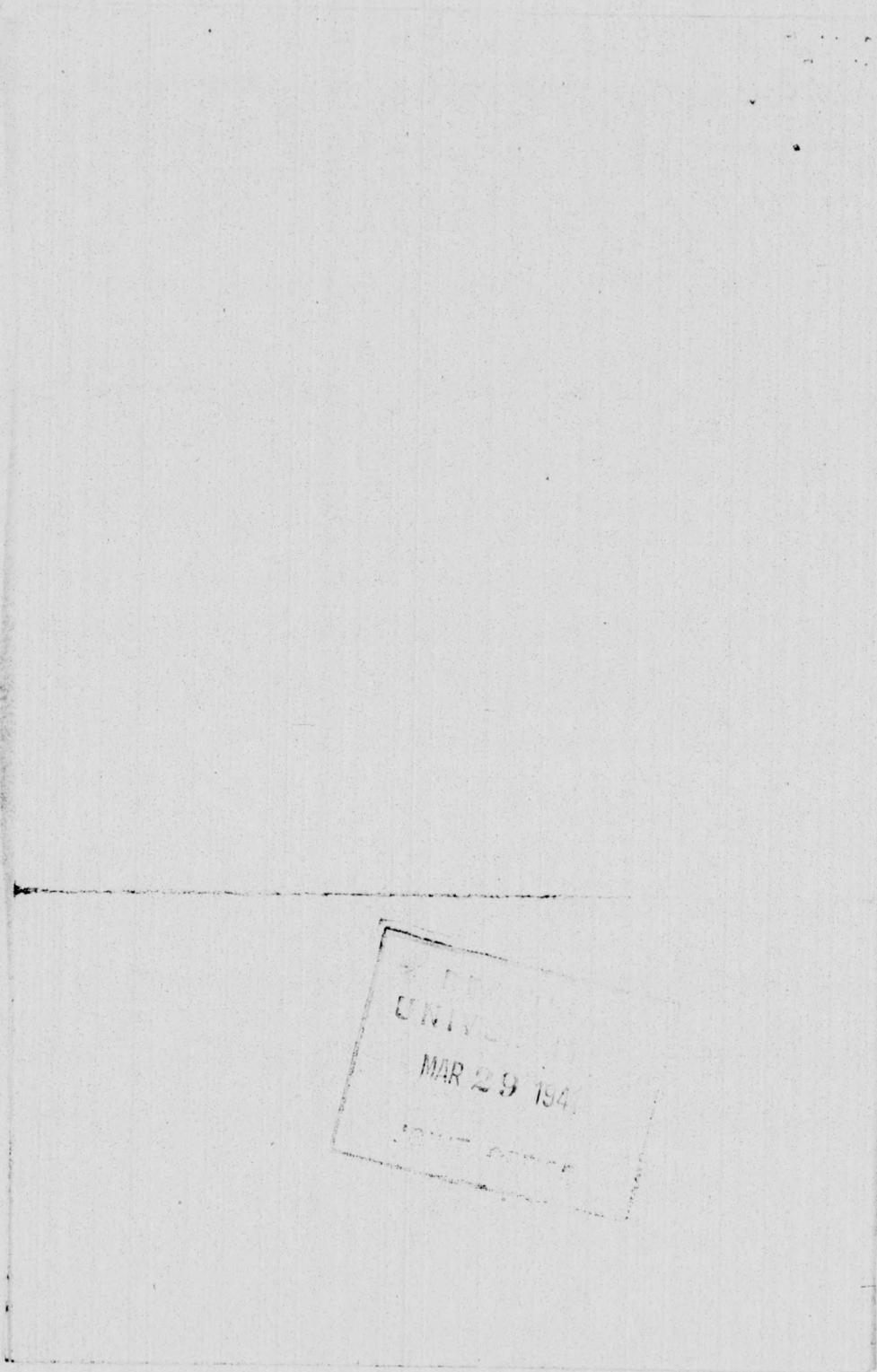
jewelry, which is in her  
care.

With many thanks,  
very sincerely yours,

Rutha J. Hays

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Ten Mile Point  
Caddow Bay  
Victoria, B.C.

March 27

My dear Mr Swans:

I was very happy indeed  
to have your letter this  
morning. I received in the  
same mail my salary  
check for February, and  
enclose the receipt for the  
same. I shall look  
forward to receiving the

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It is surprising to find what  
interest is being shown in  
China here in Sicily. I  
think some people are  
beginning to realize at  
last that China has been  
fighting the battle for the  
democracies for the past  
three and a half years.  
It was a mad moment  
to sit and listen to

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President Roosevelt's speech  
a week ago Saturday. The  
last thing President Stuart  
said to me was "If America  
would only send some  
bombers and men to fly  
them." I wish I could have  
been at our Bulletin  
Board to watch our people  
at yesterday reading that  
speech.

I got a mad deal of publicity

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More than I expected really,  
over my speech to the Kiwanis  
Club here. I have been  
wondering ever since whether  
I should be more careful in  
what I say, and should  
be glad to have your advice  
on that point. I wanted  
to wake up the people  
here, and so, mentioned  
broadly the alternatives,  
not in detail, and then

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March 27, 1941

Miss Hilda Hague  
c/o Miss Marion Hague  
Ten Mile Point  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Miss Hague:

Your letter of the 24th is at hand.

I believe you will find there is a very keen interest in things pertaining to China and the Chinese. The sympathies of the American people have been aroused by the barbaric invasion by a totalitarian government. Last night nearly one thousand people turned out to the dinner launching the United China Relief Drive. Wendell Willkie spoke. While we would like to have heard him dwell more upon the Far East, yet the speech carried great power.

From present appearances President Stuart's wish is not far from being answered. You are to be the judge as to how far you desire to go in speaking broadly upon the issues involved in China occupation. The President of the United States says that we are in an "all out" campaign to crush the dictators. Wendell Willkie last night was just as vigorous in his approval of this plan. The American people, two to one, are in favor of giving every assistance possible to the Democracies.

I heard Jimmie Young last Wednesday night give an address which consisted nothing more than insults and satire against the Japanese. In some respects it was vicious to the extent that a lady next to me remarked that she had no wonder that he was arrested in Japan. The leaders of Japan know that the United States is out to win this war and will do everything possible to help the Democracies.

You will, of course, bear in mind that there are large settlements of Japanese on the West Coast, and you can decide whether or not circumstances under which you are located, and in view of possible service to Yenching in the future, will warrant your speaking forcibly and without reserve.

We will deposit \$10.00 to the Yenching University account and ask Miss Cockingham to credit same to your personal account.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 28

Dear Mr Swans:

The material I asked for - lists,  
Dr. Stewart's reports, and other printed  
matter arrived yesterday, and for  
this I am very grateful indeed.

At the risk of becoming a  
nuisance, I am going to ask you

for further favors. Would you  
kindly enter for me a subscription  
for <sup>one year</sup> ~~six months~~, beginning January  
Ordered from News 4/1

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of this year to China Today, 168 West  
23<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York City. I see on the  
back cover an offer of one year's  
subscription plus a copy of Flaps  
Carlson's Twin Stars of China for  
\$3.00, and would like to take  
advantage of that. I would also  
like you to send me Ed. Snow's  
<sup>Ordered 15.1.74</sup>  
The Battle in Asia, which I see is  
for sale in the U.S.A. for \$3.75.  
I have been asked questions here  
by people interested in China, about  
the split between the 4<sup>th</sup> Route  
Army and the Kuo-min-tang, and  
if you have any statements by  
the Generals about the

Government's attitude towards the  
affair, I should be glad to have it.  
Our papers here have practically no  
China news, now that European  
affairs absorb everybody's  
interest. I get some news through  
the local Chinese daily, but  
as you can imagine, find it  
rather difficult to read.

I have been interested to hear of  
the arrest of Miss in in Korea,  
and have been wondering how  
things have been going on on  
campus. What a dramatic  
moment was Tatsusha's

arrival at Hitler's headquarters,  
just as the Japs. slaves have  
repudiated the axis Treaty.

It must give him food for  
thought! I wonder how

Admiral Komura is getting  
along with his task. What a  
good unit of life gave us;  
appearing, as it did in so  
prominent a magazine must  
also give our wined-to friends  
food for thought.

Will you please thank Mr.  
Parke for his letter of 17 April's.

And, again many thanks,

Very sincerely yours,  
Huda J. Hagen

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April 3, 1941

Miss Hilda Hague  
Ten Mile Point  
Cadboro Bay  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Miss Hague:

Your letter of March 28th is at hand and, as requested, we have entered your subscription for CHINA TODAY, including Carlson's TWIN STARS OF CHINA. We have also ordered Snow's THE BATTLE FOR ASIA and trust all will be received without difficulty.

We have no statement on hand from the pen of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek covering his attitude toward the Fourth Route Army. It would appear that he is definitely committed against any organized effort to favor communism. From all that we can learn, however, this word means something entirely different in China.

I too have been anxious to meet some of the Korean returned missionaries, and had the pleasure of meeting a couple of Japanese missionaries last week. The impression they gave of internal conditions in Japan made a sorry picture for the future of that country. Coupled with the grimness attendant upon Japanese stolid acquiescence to the powers that be is a growing resentment because of the shortage of food, the loss of loved ones in battle in China and the return of wounded soldiers.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Pen Hill Point

Victoria, B.C.

April 10, 1941

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Dear Mr. Evans:

In writing you last I forgot to mention that the most convenient way for me to pay for the various obligations undertaken by your office on my behalf, would be to have you deduct the amounts from my salary checks. I enclose herewith the receipt for the last check received.

In a recent letter from Miss Coolesingham, she mentions that

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the report I mention in her letter is  
you the annuity deductions which  
should be made. She also asks  
when I am returning. As I had to  
leave the campus a few days  
before Dr. Hany arrived back I could  
not discuss the matter with him  
as I intended, so shall have to  
write him before I make a definite  
decision, but I am hoping it will  
not be too late if I am back at  
Yenching by October 1st. My journey  
has been delayed and is rather  
short as it is.

Many thanks for your letter of  
April 3, and for the trouble you have  
taken in ordering the books and  
magazines for me. I am sending

Today for three new yearly subscriptions  
to Amerasia for people here in Victoria  
who I think will be very much  
interested in the news it contains,  
and have asked them to send the  
bill to you. Would you kindly deduct  
this from my salary too. The office  
of Amerasia ordered for me around  
a few days ago and I found in them  
much of the information I wanted  
regarding the Government's attitude  
towards the 4th Route Army  
difficulties. I think the answer to  
suggestions made that civil war  
in China is assuming alarming  
proportions is found in the victories  
recently announced by Chungking.

There would hardly have been possible  
if there was a serious split in the  
United Front.

I am very grateful indeed for the  
yearling printed literature issued  
by your office. Might I have  
another copy or two of the December  
1940 Yearling News. I wonder too  
if you happen to have copies of  
the leaflets containing the  
Yearling Song with the music.  
I have given away my only  
copy to the students of the Chinese  
Public School here to whom I  
spoke last Saturday.

I have no further requests to  
make and then I think I shall  
not have to bother you any more.

Before I left yesterday I intended  
to get some copies of the Vargasoff  
pictures taken on our campus.  
But in the rush of getting away  
I neglected to do this. I don't  
know whether you have any  
extra copies in your office  
that you could lend me, I mean  
the enlargements,  
say, 8/10. If not, I can  
write back to the University.

Again with many thanks  
for all your office is doing for  
me. Very sincerely yours,  
Hazel J. Hague

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MEMORANDUM - Mr. Evans

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I have a copy of the Yenching song which Miss Hague wants, and will send that on to her, together with additional copies of the Yenching News and a few of the new Wellesley folders which she would probably like to have - for the pictures if nothing more.

About the colored pictures she wants - I am very low on those unless we break up the boxes of pictures which came along as sets early this year. But I am not anxious to do that if it can be avoided. Could we tell her that we will send some to her in two or three weeks, when Mrs. Wolferz gets back and returns those I gave her two or three days ago, also when Stephen goes back I will have those he has been using - most of which he brought with him for his own use. I have also asked the Porters to leave with me any pictures they have with them, and they have agreed.

I could of course send her two or three, which might answer her present needs.

I have not ordered additional pictures from the University because I would rather have Stephen Tsai handle this when he returns. He will have a good idea of what pictures are best for field use, now that he has been showing them himself while he has been here. He has some ideas of what I need, and will send them over by the first person coming after he gets back.

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*Call Miss  
Wolferz  
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April 22, 1941

Miss Hilda Hague  
Ten Mile Point  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Miss Hague:

I am acknowledging your letter of April 10th and note what you say regarding a deduction of any payments which we are making in your behalf from your salary check. This refers also to the annuity payments.

I note your intention of being back on the campus by around October 1st and hope you will encounter no difficulty on the return trip.

The charge for three subscriptions to Amerasia has been received and paid. In the future, orders of this nature might effect some savings if placed through our office.

Our Yenching Office has sent you a copy of the Yenching song, but we do not have the colored pictures which you desire just at the present time. Two sets are out and when these are returned within the next two or three weeks, it is possible we can forward a group for your use. If it is necessary, however, to have some for immediate requirements, we can send a very few. Undoubtedly, we can furnish these to you before you can write to China for additional copies.

The latest news indicates that President Stuart is now in Hongkong attending a conference of the China Foundation. Presumably he will be writing us somewhere enroute and, if so, we will let you know later on.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peiping, China.

Office of the Controller

Telegraph Address  
"Yenta"

May 7, 1941

Miss Hilda L. Hague  
132 University Avenue  
Kingston, Ontario  
Canada

Dear Miss Hague:

This morning I signed a check in favor of your goodself for the purchase of office equipment, etc. for Harvard Yenching Institute. In order to relieve you of the burden and responsibility of looking after these goods, particularly when you arrive in China and are likely to have trouble with the customs, I suggest that you should arrange for all the goods to be assembled at one place and there packed into a ~~place~~ and shipped as freight. The Bill of Lading and relative invoices for the goods to be sent direct to me so that I can obtain the necessary permit for import through the Federal Reserve Bank and attend to the customs formalities and forward the goods to Peking.

Hoping that you will have an enjoyable holiday, and with kind regards from my wife as well as from myself not only to you but also to our relatives (the Buxton-Smiths).

Yours sincerely,



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Howard Payne.

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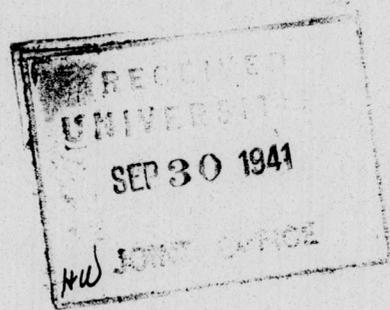
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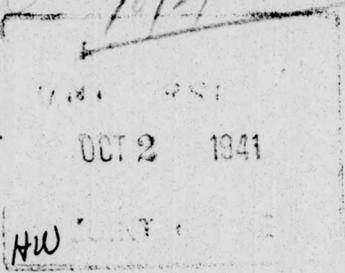
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Dr. C. A. Swans.

150 Fifth Avenue.

New York City.



Dear Dr. Swans:

I had your wire this afternoon stating that the reservation on October 17<sup>th</sup> is being held for me. I am so glad that I did not lose this chance. Now that I have decided to go, it is best to get off as quickly as possible. Since I do not have my travel money for the return trip, I presume you will be able to

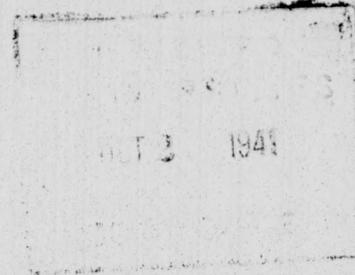
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Secure for me my tickets. As I wrote you  
from Ottawa yesterday, it seems best  
for me to come to New York first to  
pick up the things there, and I shall  
try to arrange to have a few  
days there before I leave for San  
Francisco. Is it possible now to  
buy a through ticket from New  
York to Shanghai? If not, I  
suppose the railway ticket could  
wait till I come. I shall let  
you know later when I am  
arriving.

Very sincerely yours,

Hilda J. Hague

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September 30, 1941

Miss Hilda L. Hague  
132 University Avenue  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Dear Miss Hague:

Upon receipt of your letter of September 29th, we wired you as follows: "RESERVATION OCTOBER SEVENTEENTH SAN FRANCISCO SHANGHAI THREE SEVENTY SEVEN FIFTY".

We were fortunate in securing the same steamer we had originally, but not exactly the same room. We understand the present reservation has a shower, which we trust will be acceptable. We have forwarded your statement to the American President Lines office, instructing them to issue the ticket, and same should be in hand very shortly.

Regarding the items which Dr. Hung has asked you to bring back, we have ordered the Royal typewriter as reported previously, and it will be delivered to you at San Francisco. We feel that the items such as desk fountain pens and other office supplies could best be selected if you could devote about one-half hour of your time to this task. We would arrange an appointment with our stationery goods supplier to suit your convenience.

Fortunately we had not yet called to Dr. Stuart regarding your plans, but will do so soon, informing him that you are sailing on October 17th. We would appreciate it if you would let us know when you expect to be in New York, and what if anything we can do to facilitate matters for you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, we are

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Executive Secretary

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letter from William Hung May 5th to H. Hague (spend \$300.00)

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October 16, 1941

Miss Hilda M. Hague  
American President Lines  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Hague:

I trust that your trip across the continent was a pleasant one, and that you will find everything in order upon arrival.

Mr. Fauer of the Manhattan Stationery Company probably told you that it would be impossible to include all the items you selected as they were not in stock. However, he has sent as many things as possible, and we trust the box has been delivered by this time. For your information we are enclosing a copy of the invoice, which you may require for Customs purposes.

We are also enclosing an invoice covering the Royal typewriter, which has also been delivered to you at this address. We trust you will have no difficulty in getting these items through to destination.

We greatly enjoyed having you with us for the brief period, and trust you will keep in touch with us from time to time.

With all good wishes for an enjoyable trip, we are

Very sincerely yours,

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We find that the only items not included are the following: Metal tidy-desk, work classifier and magnifying glass. We will send these items as soon as possible. From the enclosed invoices, you will see that there is now a balance of \$51.67 on the \$300. appropriation. This of course will be reduced when the invoice is received for the above-listed items.

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Dear Mr. Swan  
Miss [unclear]  
10/21/12

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Dear Mr. Swan:

Just a hail and  
farewell before we  
sail which will be  
in a half hour. It's  
a very nice cabin, and  
it seems as if I would

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have it all to myself.  
I've waited to the last  
moment to say Dr.  
Faver's parcel has  
arrived, but so far it  
has not appeared. It  
may come yet, but  
I'll let you know from  
Honolulu.

Many, many thanks

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all  
for you and your most  
efficient office staff  
did to facilitate my  
departure.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rudolph J. Hague

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The President Haunson

Dear Mr. Swan:

We shared her in Honolulu  
yesterday morning. The voyage  
has been quite an event for  
so far, and while the  
President Haunson rolls  
like a wash tub, the weather  
has been fair all the way.  
This morning six U. S.  
naval vessels of various

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types were steaming by, a  
very pleasant sight indeed,  
for with no exception they  
are the first ships we have  
seen. There is not much afloat  
in the Pacific just now!

I have been greatly disturbed  
to find no trace at all of the  
type writer, nor of the packages  
of office supplies. They do  
not seem to be aboard this  
boat. After I boarded the  
boat a few parcels appeared  
which had been sent directly

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to the boat, but the large packages  
have not turned up. I have  
made every enquiry possible.  
I suppose they will come in a  
later ship. When I reach  
Shanghai, I shall inform  
the office of the President  
Lines and try to make  
some arrangement concerning  
their re-shipment to Peking.  
I think it would be well if your  
office would as soon as possible  
trace the missing packages  
and make arrangements to have

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them send on.

We have a very full passenger list, and I have found friends aboard, including a lively group of returning Chinese students.

With all good wishes to you and your office associates.

Very sincerely yours,

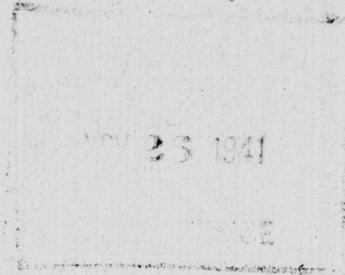
Hilda J. Hague

P.S. Honolulu, Oct 24

The announcement has just been made that we are sailing this evening. There has been some speculation as to whether we would get

any further than Honolulu!

letter from American President Lines November 21, 1941



November 25, 1941

Miss Hilda L. Hague  
Yenching University  
Peking, China

Dear Miss Hague:

We trust you have had a safe journey and that this letter finds you well and happy in your work.

We are quoting herewith a letter received from the American President Lines regarding the tracers we had sent in response to your letter from Honolulu, stating that you had not received the typewriter nor the package of office supplies.

"Referring to your letter of November 18th as regards packages supposedly placed aboard the steamer for Miss Hilda L. Hague.

"I have an idea Miss Hague now has these packages, as we received, coincidentally with your letter, a wire from our steamer stating that they held one box and one carton for Miss Hague, mentioning one of the packages contained a typewriter.

"If when you hear from Miss Hague again she has not received these articles, kindly let us know."

It would seem there is nothing further to be done at this end until we have some definite word from you regarding the present status. We trust you will inform us immediately so that we may take further steps if necessary.

With all good wishes to you, we are

Very truly yours,

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Acting Executive Secretary

copy: Miss Mary Cookingham

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132 University Ave  
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address  
Miss F. J. J. J.  
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Dear Mr. Evans.

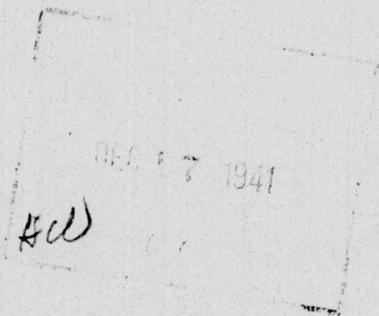
I am writing to  
ask if you have had  
any news of the  
whereabouts of Miss  
Hilda L. Hague  
of Yenching University  
Peking West China who

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through to you possibly through  
the University at Yenching

Yours truly

Alice B. Hague  
(Miss



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~~Who~~ returned to China  
by one of the Presidential  
boats leaving San Francisco  
Oct. 17. The last word from  
her to her family here  
was a cable from

Hong Kong telling of her  
arrival there last month.

We should be very glad  
if you could let us know  
if any word has come

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December 17, 1941

Miss Alice B. Hague  
132 University Avenue  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Dear Miss Hague:

Responding to your letter of the 15th, we have definite word only en route regarding Miss Hilda Hague.

Yesterday morning at a meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference report was made that the boat on which Miss Hague sailed was routed southward through the Fiji Islands and from there to Manila and then to Hongkong. We also received a card from Suva, Fiji December 8th which was mailed in Fiji November 3rd.

As word has been received by the Reformed Board that the missionaries under their supervision have arrived on the field, it is safe to assume that Miss Hague must have reached Yenching University. This is none too reassuring as we have no knowledge whatsoever of the faculty at Yenching.

As soon as any information arrives, we will send it out to the people interested in the members of the staff.

Sharing with you our deep concern for those in China, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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