I am sorry that this issue did not become more apparent to us before so that we could have taken it up when Dr. Stuart was here. I did write him to the boat saying that the matter ought not to be allowed to drift until we were in a greater tangle than ever and certainly they ought not to spread the unauthorized name in China before the name was thoroughly considered by the Trustees--whether they would be willing to change the name in view of the circumstances, or if willing, could that thing actually be done legally. The matter has an urgent aspect in this fact:-

We have spent a good many hundreds of dollars making the word "Peking University" known from Boston to San Francisco, and I think to change would involve a certain loss even though we thought "Yenching" was as good as Peking, which for the United States I do not think would be true. Heinz spent millions of dollars making the number "57" known to the world, and he has kept that number long after the number has gone beyond the hundred mark. That is, it would be loss to change from 57 to any other number. So it would be loss to us if we had to change to "Yenching" Still the earlier we change would lessen the loss. It will be a pity if we have to go through the next year beginning in September making widely known a name which later we will have to give up. I think that there is no doubt how the thing is going in China at the present time.

Is there not something we should do now so that the matter can be thoroughly taken up and discussed rather than to let it drift? Drifting, I think, means only one thing, mainly the wide spread use of "Yenching" in China, not because it was decided, but because of a instinctive desire to avoid embarrassment. Should not the Executive Committee at this end and at this juncture, suggest that the matter be taken up in a different way? Would we better get legal support on it at this end first and then cable them to take the matter up there in the proper order?

Ever sincerely,

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