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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 15, 1931

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Doctor Stuart:

I regret that I have been delayed in replying to your recent letter relative to living at your home during my stay in Peiping. I have had several letters from Mr. Nash in regard to it and have tentatively agreed before receiving your letter to take his home for the period.

I expect my son who is eighteen years old to go to the Orient with me and of course Mrs. Martin will also be with me. Under these circumstances I thought it best to have a home of our own rather than to occupy quarters in your residence.

I hope this meets with your approval; and I want to express to you my sincere appreciation and thanks for your kind offer to live at your home. I recognize the advantages of course, but with three of us I doubt the wisdom of attempting it.

Again I want to urge you to come for Journalism Week, but if you cannot, to visit us at some other time.

Cordially yours,

Frank R. Martin

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 9, 1931

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I wish to report that the Columbia Missourian has made an additional payment of \$2500 towards its subscription to the Yenching University School of Journalism Fund, and that I am making use of that amount for travel expenses to Yenching in connection with my exchange professorship with Professor Vernon Nash.

I am leaving this country on December 26th on the Los Angeles Steamship Line vessel, The Wilhelmina, proceeding from Honolulu January 5th to Yokohama thence, if possible, I will travel to Dairen through Japan and Manchuria, reaching Yenching late in January.

In case the latter is not possible, I shall proceed to Shanghai on the Empress of Canada, the boat I am taking from Honolulu, and will go to Yenching direct from Shanghai.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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copy to JHS.

*Card marked
12-11-31*

C O P Y

October 28, 1932

Dean Frank L. Martin ✓
Department of Journalism

My dear Dean Martin:

As the time approaches for you to leave, I feel compelled to put in writing what I have often had in mind and have tried to say in words to you more than once, regarding your stay with us. It was a great encouragement to know that the Dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri would be willing to come himself to Yenching for so long a period in the life of any busy executive officer. It symbolized the real interest that President Williams and you have in the simple beginnings of what we have tried to undertake here, and has been an earnest to our staff and student body of the relationship which I hope will be continually strengthened in the future.

However, during the months of your stay here, as I have been conscious in various ways of your unceasing activity and of the benefits which have come to our Department from your experience, and even more from the unobtrusive and sympathetic concern you have had over our various problems, and the spirit with which you have helped in these, I realize how much more we have gained than the mere fact of having the official head of the Missouri School staying with us.

As Mrs. Martin, Frank Jr., and yourself leave, I want it to be with some consciousness of the pleasure and practical assistance your presence here has given, and of the appreciation felt for what all of you have done. I hope it has not been too much of a strain on you, and that the value of this arrangement to us would enable you and your colleagues to feel repaid for the sacrifice involved.

With best wishes for your journey back to the States, and for the life you will be resuming there,

Very sincerely yours,

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*From Frank Martin -
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The Seventeenth Academic Year of Yenching University was formally opened on September 5 with 787 students, including 196 women, enrolled, representing practically every province of the nation.

Although the figures this year show a decrease of 24 students compared with that of last year, there were actually more than 100 new students admitted into the university. From the report given at the office of the Director of Studies it shows that the extraordinary large graduating class last summer, when many of the students left the institution, and the closing of several departments in the Short Course Division, were the main factors contributing to the decline in the present enrollment.

The official registration report issued on Sept. 21 shows the following enrollment:

Graduate Division-----	119
School of Religion-----	13
College of Arts and Letters-----	227
College of Natural Sciences-----	152 242
College of Public Affairs-----	24 152
Short Courses-----	34
(Leather, Kindergarten, Chinese and Religion)	

Each year Yenching is attracting more ^{foreign} students and Chinese students born abroad. Five American students, including two women, are enrolled in the institution this year.

There has also been a rapid increase of Overseas students, that is, Chinese students born abroad, this year, particularly from Hawaii. More Chinese parents in the Hawaiian Islands are beginning to see the value of Chinese education for their children and this year the total enrollment for Chinese-Hawaiian born students number 21, including three women. The record shows that each year more are returning to China for their education than remaining in the University of Hawaii.

From Hong Kong, a British concession in South China, seventeen students have come 1000 miles to the North for their studies. Seven Overseas students, including two women, have come from the Straits Settlements and Java. One delegate--a woman--has come to Yenching this semester from Taiwan or Formosa. The University has also several Korean and Russian students.

Of the total 55 Overseas students, twelve are specializing in journalism, two in Chinese while the others are taking general arts and science courses.

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Sociology Department was host to the delegates from all parts of China who attended the Second Annual National Sociological Association conference which was held at the University early in September. Many research papers and theses were read during the session and public and roundtable discussion were held. The main subject discussed this year was The Family. Several papers were read by the Yenching faculty.

The department has for its visiting professor this year, Dr. Robert E. Parks, professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago. He is known as the "Dean" of American sociologists and is founder of what is known as the "Parks School". Dr. Parks recently completed a summer session lecturing at the University of Hawaii. He has long been associated with the Sociology Journal in the United States and has contributed many articles as editor of the publication. Accompanying Dr. Parks is Mrs. Parks, who is an artist.

The experimental work conducted by the department at Chingho during the last few years has met with cooperation from the villagers and the research to improve Chinese village life is progressing. Two thousand dollars Chinese currency was recently raised to establish a hospital at the village. Plans have been made with the Rockefeller Foundation Hospital (Peiping Union Medical Hospital) in the city to combat the cholera epidemic which was so severe in China during the past summer and also to conduct public work in the surrounding villages.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

The Yenching Weather Bureau, under the Department of Physics, completed an interesting summary of the records of the past summer. The analysis shows that the Chinese calendar(Lunar) was surprisingly accurate in predicting periods of distressing heat and points out that the significant figure during such periods is not the maximum but the minimum temperature.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Psychology published this summer its first "Yenching Studies in Psychology" on "Word Association In Chinese Children". The book is printed in both English and Chinese with many statistics. The research was first started by Dr. C.W. Luh, chairman of the department during the years 1925-26 while he was at the Southwestern University (now Central University) at Nanking. He had various person, since then, to collaborated with him in this work ~~working~~ and it was completed this year with the assistance of Dr. T.T. Lew, professor of psychology and Hsia Yun, assistant.

A free association test, composed of 100 stimulus words, was given to 508 Chinese children in 12 different schools located in seven cities in four provinces. Their ages ranged from 9 to 11, including 20 5 girls.

The conclusion of the study states that the Chinese shildren are most unsimilar to the American children in association tendencies. The children in each case are more like the adults. Of all the groups compared the adults of the two nationalities are most similar to each other. Common logical forms, common adult experiences, some influence of this sort might have helped to free human association tendencies from the clannish control of childhood language.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

The Agricultural Experiment Station, which is cooperating with the Ginling University Agricultural College at Nanking and the China International Famine Relief Committee, is continuing its work in trying to improve the growth of North China's four leading grain products.

Several acres of land, formerly belonging to the farm site of the Agricultural Department, has been devoted to the planting of kaoliang(millet). This is one of the main food products used by the people of North China. The experiment is expected to cover over a period of four years.

Several acres near the Sociology Experimental Station at Chingho ^{have} ~~been~~ also been used for the experiment of wheat, kaoliang and other millets. The work is now under Dr. C.H. Myers and Dr. P.H. Love.

JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT

The Department of Journalism, one of the youngest departments of the university, entered its fourth year of the Five-Year Experimental Plan, with a total enrollment of 55 students, more than doubling the number over the same period last year.

This department having won a national reputation during the short period from 1929, has drawn students from all parts of the country including 12 Overseas Chinese students.

The leading newspapers, publishers and journalists in China is watching the work with great interest and have extended their cooperation with the university in this field. Ten students have graduated from the department and now holding responsible positions on leading Chinese and English language newspapers in Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin, Peiping and Hankow.

This year also marks the completion of the exchange systems of professors and Fellows between the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri and the Department of Journalism of Yenching University. Dean Frank Lee Martin, of the Missouri institution, will complete his work of one year at Yenching in November and will return to the United States by way of Europe. He is accompanied by Mrs. Martin and their son, Frank, Jr.

Mr. Vernon Nash, head of the department of journalism here will also finish his year's work at Missouri. The American Fellow in Journalism from Missouri, Samuel D. Groff, returned to the United States this summer after an extended year's stay at Yenching.

Under the leadership of Mr. Hin Wong, first Chinese to receive a degree in journalism from the United States, and the first/graduate at the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri,

the department has emphasized more on the practical work during the last ~~two~~ years. An English-language city daily, "The Yenching Gazette" is now being published under the department in the city. This paper is not a "campus journal", but is circulated in the international community in the city and its advertising revenues are derived from the leading business concerns in town. The "Gazette" is supervised by J.D. White, second Fellow in Journalism from Missouri to Yenching who arrived in Peiping in August and David C.H. Lu, first Chinese student to Missouri in journalism who completed his two-years' work in the United State this summer. They are assisted by several graduate students while advanced students go to the city to write headlines, edit and reporting. The "Gazette" gets its foreign, national and local news from Chinese, American, British, German, Japanese and French news agencies.

In addition to the English edition there is a Chinese "Gazette", edited by students at the University. This is also a daily of tabloid size of general circulation, concentrating on the news reports west of the city, which includes Tsinghua University, better known as the Boxer Indemnity Fund College.

BACK FROM ORIENT, DEAN MARTIN PRAISES U. S. CORRESPONDENCE

**Thinks American Newspaper Readers Better Informed on
Conflict in China Than Many Residents There—
Urges Aid for Yenching Journalism Classes**

FRANK L. MARTIN, associate dean of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, returned to the university this week after an absence of thirteen months, most of which was



Prof. Frank L. Martin with Mrs. Martin and their son Frank, Jr., photographed as they arrived in New York aboard the Dutchess of Bedford Jan. 7.

spent as exchange professor of journalism at Yenching University, Peiping, China. With Mrs. Martin and their son, Frank, Jr., he landed in New York Jan. 7, having made a trip around the world by returning to the United States via the Suez Canal and Europe. The Atlantic crossing was extremely rough, their ship, the Dutchess of Bedford, being delayed three days by storms and mountainous seas.

While in New York, he was guest of honor at a luncheon Jan. 9 sponsored by the New York office of Yenching University, and at a dinner the same evening given by the New York alumni of the University of Missouri. His first welcome to the United States came from Ben Leader, a Missouri alumnus, now a transport pilot, who flew out in the New York harbor and circled about the ship.

Dean Martin paid tribute to the "fine interpretive reporting" of Chinese affairs by American newspapers, saying that newspaper readers in this country have had a better idea of what was going on in China than many people in China itself, where rapidly changing conditions and confusing rumors served to create perplexity.

As a typical instance, he men-

tioned that shortly before starting home he dined with the "young marshal," Chang Hsueh-liang, who assured him in response to questions, that there was no possibility of conflict in a certain portion of the country. Reaching New York, Dean Martin found in the newspapers reports that the Marshal had assembled large forces and rushed them into that section for defensive measures.

Emphasizing that he was not attempting to judge the merits of the conflict between China and Japan, Dean Martin predicted that the Chinese would put their main reliance in a "prolonged resistance" policy. In other words, they would not risk a decisive battle, but would constantly harass the Japanese forces and delay any settlement. In carrying out this policy, he said, the Chinese were counting on an increase in the spirit of unrest in Japan, possibly culminating in revolt. The militarists in control in Japan had expected to restore prosperity in their country by the Manchurian exploit, but after a year and a half find the depression as bad as ever—which, to the minds of the Chinese leaders, means that delay is an ally.

Both on his trip to China and on his return home, Dean Martin was welcomed by graduates of the Missouri School of Journalism in many places, particularly in the Orient. Making the trip to Mukden when he first arrived in China, he found that of about twelve American and British correspondents covering the Manchurian conflict, five were former students in the University of Missouri. On this trip he found himself in the midst of armed forces and saw numerous bridges that had been blown up. At no time during his stay in China, however, was he present at actual fighting.

Dean Martin reported that Yenching University was exerting a broad influence, and that the department of journalism, with an enrollment of 76, was finding a demand for trained leaders in journalism. The department is financed for only a year and a half more, and he urged that funds be provided to assure its continuance.

"I find that many people think the department is trying to train men to work on the English-language newspapers in the principal cities," he said. "As a matter of fact, if we can keep the graduates out of the big cities, we want to do it. Straight thinking is needed in the rural districts, and we have tried to put our graduates into the native press there. While in some parts of the world, nationalism is overdone,

China, in its present state of disunity, has need for development of a feeling of nationalism. The way to obtain it is to keep sending out enlightened leaders in journalism, and we hope that Yenching University can continue to do so."

One achievement of the Yenching department of journalism during Dean Martin's stay there was the founding of an English-language daily, the *Yenching Gazette*, to fill the need among English-speaking residents when a Japanese suppression order left the city without any newspaper printed in English.

"That involved an immense amount of work," he commented, "but it was worth it. Imagine yourself trying to start a newspaper on limited capital in a city many hundred years old, with some fifty other papers already being published."

Despite difficulties, the paper is being placed on a firm footing.

OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

THE principles of a free press, of honest and intelligent reporting, and of editorial leadership, are the same in any language. In any country where they exist, their influence is evident.

This is the importance of the young department of journalism at Yenching University, just outside Peiping, China. Despite a rather general impression, the aim is not to turn out graduates useful to the English-language press in China, but to provide enlightened leadership for the native press. Dean Frank L. Martin, of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, returning from a year spent at Yenching, told in New York this week how well the latter is succeeding in this aim.

The future of the Yenching department of journalism is not assured beyond the next year and a half, Dean Martin added, urging that the work begun there should not be allowed to die. Considering the possibility of deeply affecting the course of events in China, the project must have a strong appeal to those in American journalism.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 23, 1933.

Dr. Nathaniel Gist Gee, Vice-Pres.,
Yenching University,
American Office, 150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I feel I should apologize for not writing you sooner, but following my return to Columbia I found it necessary to leave the city immediately for a few days, and hence have been away a part of the time. I want to express my appreciation of the hospitality afforded me by you, your associates of the Yenching office, and the trustees, while in New York City.

I have arranged with President Williams for a conference with Mr. Nash and myself tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to thresh out various problems which Mr. Nash desires to bring up in connection with his own work at Yenching, the financing project, and his plan for a Walter Williams Foundation. Either Mr. Nash or I will write you any suggestions we have following that conference.

of the N.Y. Times
I note in an issue ^{of the N.Y. Times} last week of President Stuart's return to Peking from Shanghai following some action on the part of the students. Does his return to Yenching and the threat of the Japanese toward Peking area have any effect upon his plans to reach America on the date scheduled? I recall that he had some difficulty in getting away last year when a similar scare over the Japanese arose.

I am inclosing a statement about my stay at Yenching which the publicity staff asked me to prepare and which I believe was desired for the purpose of sending out to friends of the University. I hope you will hand it to the proper person. It is hastily dictated and comes from the heart, but please feel you are at full liberty to make any changes if you still desire to use it.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin.

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January 23, 1933.

To the Board of Trustees
of Yenching University:

After spending a period of nine months at Yenching University, as exchange professor in Journalism from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, I wish to report to you that I am highly impressed with the development and progress of that Department during the more than three years of its existence.

The Department, I found, has gained a wide and most favorable reputation among both publishers and educators throughout the Republic. It has more than justified the effort and expenditures necessary for its inauguration and maintenance as evidenced by the demand for those completing the course and by the number seeking admission. The enrollment for the current term ranks third or fourth of all the departments in the entire University. In addition, I was particularly pleased with the splendid co-operation afforded the Department by the administration of the University under President Stuart and the Chancellor, as well as the entire faculty. This spirit of co-operation, I feel, is due in a large measure to the thorough manner in which the Department is endeavoring to provide for China the academic and professional training necessary for journalistic leadership which the Republic greatly needs.

I trust the trustees of Yenching will feel as I do that every possible effort should be made in the near future to place the Department upon a permanent and sound financial basis, now that the funds subscribed by American publishers for the five-year period are nearly at an end. In my opinion, it would be a genuine tragedy if, for any reason, Yenching University, with its most enviable record of educational achievement in China, were forced to abandon the movement started so splendidly toward adequate training for the rapidly developing journalism throughout the Republic. The School of Journalism of the University of Missouri offers, in this connection, every possible assistance.

In closing, I cannot refrain from expressing to you my appreciation of the aid and courteous treatment extended to me during my residence at Yenching by all connected with your fine institution.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin.
Frank L. Martin.

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Columbia, Missouri,
March 3, 1933.

The conference on affairs pertaining to the administration of the Department of Journalism at Yenching University and future financing of the Department, was held here today with the following in attendance: President Walter Williams, Dr. N. Gist Gee, Mr. Lyman H. Thompson, Prof. Vernon Nash and Dean Frank L. Martin.

At this conference the following were agreed upon:

(1) That present conditions do not warrant a financial campaign for an endowment that would enable Yenching University to place the Department of Journalism upon a permanent basis. It was decided, however, that every effort should be made at present to obtain from the present donors and other friends of the Department a sufficient amount of money to continue the work in journalism after the present funds expire for a period of at least two more years. At that time it is hoped that a financial campaign could be put on successfully, looking toward the permanency of the Department.

(2) It was agreed that the administration of the Department in the future should be on a somewhat similar basis to that of the Harvard Yenching Institute and the Princeton Yenching Foundation, this to consist of a council upon which should serve American publishers and representatives of Yenching. Plans for this council or committee are to be drawn in tentative form as soon as possible by Prof. Nash.

(3) It was decided that unless conditions due to the Japanese invasion threaten continuation of the operation of Yenching, Prof. Nash, with the approval of Dr. Stuart upon his arrival in this country, should leave immediately to resume his duties at Yenching. The reason for this decision is that at present it seems apparent his services in this country would be of no avail in raising a permanent foundation and that the Department of Journalism is under an obligation to the present American donors to keep the department in operation upon its present standards until June, 1934. Prof. Nash's presence at Yenching is needed to enable the present staff to meet that obligation.

(4) In reference to any adjustment of Prof. Nash's salary, in case of his return immediately to Yenching University, it is agreed that such adjustment would have to be made officially by President Stuart and the Board of Trustees upon

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his arrival. It was the opinion of the conference, however, that the question of salary might be left until such time as official action could be taken, but in the meantime a re-adjustment of the budget of the Department of Journalism to cover the expenses of the Department from the present date until June 1, 1934, could possibly be made to provide for such expense for Mr. Nash as would enable him to return.

Frank L. Martin.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA

American Office

150 Fifth Avenue

New York

March 27, 1933

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✓ Sent to 125 non-contrib. Publishers
together with copy of Dean Martin's
letter of Jan. 23, 1933 + the leaflet "Yenching
Today"

American newspaper publishers, when the history of New China's evolution is off the press, will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have achieved much toward the creation of a free press and an educated public opinion in that country.

Five years ago Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri enlisted a number of American publishers in support of a Department of Journalism at Yenching University in Peiping - one of the most influential universities founded by Americans in China.

Last year Dean Frank L. Martin, who succeeded Dean Williams at Missouri, served as exchange professor of journalism at Yenching. He has just returned to this country and has written to me, as president of the Yenching Board of Trustees, a letter so interesting and so graphic that I am prompted to pass a copy on to you.

I feel that the American newspaper publisher, through the Yenching Department of Journalism, is accomplishing a great work, and that the influence of the Department in strengthening the bonds of friendship and understanding between China and the United States, and in the promotion of international goodwill, will be pronounced.

Yours very truly,

George G. Barber
President, Board of Trustees

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 29, 1933.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University Office,
151 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I did not speak to you personally
about it here, for I thought you might better
have it in memorandum when you reach New York.

The School of Journalism of the Uni-
versity of Missouri, in connection with our
1933 Journalism Week, May 1 to 6, will celebrate
the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding.
We would appreciate it very much if you could
find time to write us a message which might be
read during Journalism Week and preserved as a
part of our official records.

We were delighted to have you here
last night, and I shall begin immediately the
work of organizing the corporation for the Mis-
souri department of Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin.

FLM:MR

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Office of the President
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Walter Williams
President

YENCHING

April 6, 1933

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Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Following the conference with President J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching University and Dr. N. Gist Gee, a representative of the Board of Directors of Yenching University, it was agreed that the Department of Journalism of Yenching University, sponsored by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, to which you have so generously contributed for a five-year period, might be administered by an educational corporation to be organized under the laws of Missouri and to be known as the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation.

This Foundation, when authorized by court decree, would have control of all matters pertaining to the administration of the department, financial as well as educational, subject to the educational rules of Yenching University, and would be an educational corporation without capital or profit, as permitted by law. It conforms to the plan adopted by Yenching University in its association in similar educational projects with Harvard and Princeton Universities.

This plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees of Yenching University at a meeting in New York City late in April.

In order that we may present the project to this Board, and also prepare for a legal entity such as described, it is necessary to form a preliminary Board of Directors for the Foundation. This preliminary Board would consist of nine members, suggested as follows:

Dr. Walter Williams, President of the
University of Missouri and Dean of
the Missouri School of Journalism

Professor Frank L. Martin, Associate
Dean of the Missouri School of
Journalism.

Mr. Robert L. Clark, Treasurer of the
Kansas City Power and Light Company

Mr. James Wright Brown

Dr. N. Gist Gee

Mr. E. K. Gaylord, The Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City

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Mr. Robert P. Scripps, Scripps-Howard
Newspapers

Mr. W. F. Prisk, Pasadena Star-News

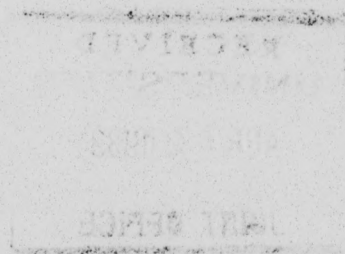
Mr. W. T. Dewart, The New York Sun

I am inviting you to serve as a member of this preliminary Board, representing the University of Missouri, Yenching University, and the contributors to the original fund for the establishment of the Yenching Department of Journalism. The expense of incorporation will be borne by Yenching University, and service on the Board incurs no financial liability.

I earnestly hope that we may have the valuable aid of your services thru your acceptance of appointment upon this Board.

Very sincerely

Walter Williams



Mr. Robert L. ...
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I am writing you to serve as a member of this preliminary board, representing the University of Wisconsin, ...

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Very sincerely,

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April 13, 1933

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Dean Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Dean Martin,

I have a note from Mr. Nash asking that I send you a copy of the Princeton-Yenching Foundation Certificate of Incorporation. It is enclosed herewith.

He also requests that I give you some outstanding figures as to Journalism finances. Below are the essential figures, as of March 31, 1933:-

Total budget, fiscal year ending June 30, 1933	G.\$10,065.00
Amount disbursed to March 31, 1933	4,132.71
Balance still to be disbursed this year	5,932.29
Amount of Journalism cash balance in bank	10,915.97
Pledges still outstanding:-	
In arrears \$2,020.00	
Due 1932-3 1,430.00	
Due 1933-4 5,659.25	9,109.25

I am sending this off by air mail, as I understand that you would like, if time permits, to have a draft of the Journalism set-up on hand for the Trustees meeting here on April 20th.
BAG/G Cordially,

Copy for Nash
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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

April 17, 1933

President Walter Williams
Jesse Hall

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing a proposed statement which I had Mr. Nash draw up and suggest your sending it to Dr. N. Gist Gee, Yenching University Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, to be presented to the Board of Trustees of Yenching University.

The Board meets on April 20. I am sorry I have been delayed in the matter, but I think it will reach New York in time if sent either air mail or special delivery.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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April 26, 1933

To the School of Journalism

University of Missouri

Heartiest congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding and confident good wishes for a similar record of achievement during the quarter of a century now beginning. Many others are joining in these sentiments but we of Yenching University feel an especial gratitude for the sponsoring of our very young Department of Journalism and a pride in the close association you have generously permitted us to claim. We desire nothing more for ourselves than to serve the rapidly growing cause of enlightened Journalism in China as you have, in the United States, been proving during this pioneering period the value of Journalism as a subject for professional study.

J. Leighton Stuart.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Columbia

May 6, 1933.

School of Journalism

Dean Frank L. Martin,
Columbia, Missouri.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Martin:

As per your request, I submit herewith a memorandum of my understanding of the financial arrangements and payments necessary before I can get under way for China:

1. When the organization of the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation shall have been completed, I should desire an official statement from the board concerning its action upon permanent salary arrangements. You already have a memorandum from me on this point. Mrs. Nash and I are willing to accept any arrangement the board may think proper with only one condition - that salary and other perquisites be stated in and paid in American money.

2. It is customary for the University to pay "home-side" salary to date of sailing and field salary thereafter. It is assumed that the May salary will be sent as a matter of routine to Holt, Mo., as it has in recent months. In the lump settlement in preparation for departure, it would seem more convenient that the salary for June 1 to July 14 be included. This would be \$450.

3. I have already sent a personal request to Mr. Garside that the re-outfit allowance be sent us as soon as possible and this will doubtless be received in a few days. If not, this would be an additional item of \$250.

4. Some months ago it was agreed that we should take our motor car back with us for the use of the department, and that its transportation costs up to \$125 would be provided. \$125.

5. It has also been tentatively agreed that the usual procedure of provision for first-class passage on the Pacific would be made. We shall go tourist class on a Dollar boat and the difference in the two costs will approximate the personal equity we have in our car which, upon our arrival, would become the property of the department, being purchased in this way. The University has had a practice in recent years of giving a lump sum of \$550 per full-fare passenger; and half that amount for half-fare children. In our case, this would amount to \$1925, from which the office should deduct the amount of the bill for tickets and car transportation issued by the Dollar lines.

6. Pending final arrangements, we should hope that our monthly salary check as per my previous memo. would be deposited to our account in the Boone County National Bank of Columbia.

Respectfully yours, Vernon Nash.

*Approved
Frank L. Martin
May 11/33.*

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NOTE:

The attached seems rather involved and complex.
For purposes of members of the board and Mr. Garside, some
such outline memo. as the following may be sufficient:

For travel and car transportation	\$2050
less bill paid on our behalf by Mr. Garside for Dollar tickets.	
Salary June 1 to July 14	450
Re-outfit allowance, doubtless already advanced by Mr. Garside	250
Salary for field, as per memo. per month.	212.50
(plus allowance for rent, etc., if it proves necessary to spend winter in Shanghai.) This would mean a deposit in Boone County National Bank on Aug. 1 for second half of July of \$106.25, and \$212.50 monthly thereafter.	

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Mr. C. A. Garside,
Yenching University Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

In connection with Prof. Nash's return to Yenching, I am submitting to you his estimate of the amount of funds he will need.

I have submitted this estimate to President Williams, and you will note that he has approved it on the pink sheet accompanying it. I am also placing on it my own approval.

I hope to be able to write your office in the near future a report on the progress we have made in incorporating the new plan of administration for the Department of Journalism at Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin.

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Yenching University

May 19, 1933.

Dean Frank L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

TRANSFER

My dear Dean Martin:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11th regarding Professor Nash's return to Yenching, together with the copy of the letter he wrote you on May 6th setting forth his understanding of the financial arrangements involved in his return to China, and his renewed service there.

It is our general understanding that from this point on, the responsibility for Mr. Nash's salary and allowances rests with the Missouri-Yenching Foundation for Journalism, rather than the Trustees of Yenching University.

In making any disbursement on Mr. Nash's account, we will therefore, look to you for instructions. We also understand that for the present at least, you wish us to continue to handle the funds of the Department of Journalism.

Since Mr. Nash, in his letter to you on May 6th, refers to previous arrangements with Yenching University, it is probably in order that I verify or supplement his notations so as to bridge over the transfer of responsibility from the Yenching Trustees to the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. I will therefore, take up Mr. Nash's six points in order:-

1. I have not seen the memorandum to which Mr. Nash refers as to his permanent salary arrangements. We understand from various statements in his letter that his salary is to be \$212.50 per month in United States currency. We request that you verify this point so as to clear our records.
2. Mr. Nash's request that salary be paid for June and the first half of July on the furlough basis of \$300 per month is in accordance with our usual Yenching procedure. We will make payment accordingly.
3. Mr. Nash's request for \$250 re-outfit allowance is in accordance with the usual Yenching procedure. We are today sending him a check for that amount.

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4. While we do not have any very clear-cut record as to the approval of Mr. Nash's proposal that he take his motor car back to the field with him, it is my general understanding that both President Stuart and President Williams agreed to this proposal, so we are planning to disburse to Mr. Nash in due course the \$125 allowed for transporting the car.
5. It should be pointed out that Mr. Nash's estimates as to the amount allowed by Yenching for the return travel of its staff members is not exactly in accord with our present procedure. Up to a year ago, the University made a flat grant for return travel for each adult passenger amounting to \$550 for a return journey, starting from the vicinity of New York, \$500 for a journey beginning in the middle part of the United States, and \$450 for a journey beginning on the Pacific Coast. On this basis, the allowance for Mr. Nash (3 adults and one-half fare) would be \$1,750. However, on May 31, 1932 the Executive Committee voted to reduce this allowance to \$400 for a journey from New York, \$350 from the middle of the continent, and \$300 from the Pacific Coast. On this basis the amount which would be allowed to Mr. Nash and his family on the regular schedule would be \$1,225. If, therefore, the regular Yenching schedule is followed, we would consider that in paying Mr. Nash \$1,925 for travel, we are in reality giving him \$1,225 for travel expense, and \$700 to cover his equity on the car which he is turning over to the Department of Journalism. I am not questioning the fairness of this arrangement, but am merely pointing out the regular procedure the University would follow in such a case.

I am at this time sending the Dollar Steamship Lines a check for \$850.24 to cover the cost of transportation for Mr. Nash and his family, and also the automobile, from San Francisco to Shanghai, adhering to the figures of \$1,925 for traveling allowances and \$125 cost of transporting the car. This will mean that Mr. Nash is to receive a check for \$1,199.76. Unless we receive instructions to the contrary, we will send him a check for this amount early in June.

6. We are planning to deposit Mr. Nash's monthly salary checks, after he returns to the field, to his credit at the Boone County National Bank, Columbia, Missouri. We will also be glad to continue paying Mr. Nash's insurance premiums for him, and will deduct \$77.50 per month from his salary deposits to cover the cost of these insurance premiums.

If there are any points at which the procedure outlined above is not in accordance with your understanding, will you please let us know?

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:PW

Copy to - President Walter Williams
" " Mr. Vernon Nash

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Mr. C. A. Garside,
Yenching University Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have today your letter of May 19
in reference to plans for Mr. Nash's return to
China.

I have, also, a letter from Mr.
Nash.

I have written Mr. Nash asking him
to come to Columbia this week for a conference
with me and President Williams. He is very an-
xious to leave Missouri by June 2, and it may
be necessary for me to telegraph you the re-
sult of the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin.

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May 24, 1933.

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TRANSFER

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

This is to advise you that we are trying to complete as soon as possible the membership of nine on the preliminary Board of Trustees for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. Six have already accepted membership. Following the completion of this board I plan to proceed for the formation under the laws of Missouri of an educational foundation to carry on the affairs of the department.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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May 26, 1933.

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your letter of May 19, following a conversation with Prof. Nash over the telephone and following receipt of a letter from him, copy of which has already been mailed to you, I wish to write my approval on the following six points you raised:

(1) This is to verify your understanding of Mr. Nash's salary of \$212.50 per month in United States currency.

(2) Approval of your payment of \$300.00 per month on furlough basis for June and first half of July.

✓ (3) Approval of your issuance of \$250.00 for re-outfit allowance.

✓ (4) Approval of a \$125.00 allowance for transportation of car.

(5) Approval of \$1750.00 flat grant for return travel, three adults and one half fare. This amount seems equitable in view of the fact that Mr. Nash's exchange and travel to this country began before the change in allowance was made.

(6) Approval, following Mr. Nash's consent, as to depositing of his monthly salary checks as indicated at the Boone County National Bank.

I am forwarding copies of this letter to Mr. Nash and to President Williams.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin.

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Yenching

July 11, 1933

Dean Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

TRANSFER

My dear Dean Martin,

A letter has just arrived from Vernon Nash containing a statement of medical expenses totalling \$150.62. He asks me to reimburse him for this amount and to deposit the sum to his credit in the Boone County National Bank.

I do not wish to take any action in the matter, however, until I have cleared with the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. While our working policies have not been fully formulated as yet, my general understanding is that our office here in New York will make no disbursement of Yenching journalism funds except as directed by the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. Thus far the only such instructions we have received are these in your letter of May 26, setting forth under six divisions the specific items we were authorized to disburse.

If my understanding is correct, will you please let me know whether the Foundation approves the payment to Nash of the medical expenses itemized below? The usual Yenching procedure is to assume responsibility for the entire amount of necessary medical expenses, and one half of dental expenses.

For health examinations, inoculations, vaccinations, Mr. Nash and family	\$55.00
Dr. E. S. Connell, sinus operation for Ann Nash	50.00
Dr. A. E. Jones, anaesthesia for above	10.00
Research Hospital, expenses following above	21.45
Kansas City Western Dental (one-half of \$22.35)	11.17
Dr. Henry Bailey, Phoenix, check-up of Ann	3.00
Total	\$150.62

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Executive Secretary,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of July 11 telling me of the bill for medical expenses totaling \$150.62 sent by Prof. Nash has reached me today.

While I shall be very glad to advise, and will appreciate your keeping me informed of the financial situation in regard to the Journalism Department at Yenching, my thought is that until the Missouri-Yenching Foundation is legally set up, your office should continue to handle financial matters as in the past. We now have seven acceptances from the preliminary trustees appointed and I hope to have the acceptance of two others within a few days. We will then proceed to incorporate legally and following that, of course, will be able to handle the finances in accordance with a plan the trustees may devise for approval by the Yenching Board.

If it is in accordance with custom or contract with Mr. Nash, his bill for medical services should, of course, be paid. While it does not affect the present situation or the present bill referred to, personally, I am not in favor of the payment of medical services for members of the faculty. It is a matter which I hope will be placed before the Missouri-Yenching Foundation after the Foundation is completed. However, if it is in accordance with the Yenching procedure, I approve payment in this case.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

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January 11th, 1934.

Professor Frank Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Dean Martin:-

I am back in New York for a few weeks and am wondering just how far the Board for Journalism has been perfected. It would be well for us to get that in shape as soon as possible in order that these persons may be taken into account in an active effort soon to raise some money to carry this Department on at Yenching. Naturally the completion of this organization of this group of journalists will be the first step in our effort to get the desired publicity. The Board of Trustees here would like to have an opportunity of acting officially on the proposed articles of the organization before it becomes a legal document. I wonder if the preliminary draft of the document is yet ready.

I shall be here for several weeks and will then go back to the west coast and then work my way back to New York by the summer time. This will put me in Columbia probably in May or early June.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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January 15, 1934.

Dean F. L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Professor Martin:

At a meeting of our Finance Committee at the end of last week the question of the Journalism budget came up for discussion and Mr. C. A. Evans, Assistant Treasurer, is writing you in detail concerning the present status of that budget.

As you will see, something will have to be done at a very early date in connection with the budget since the funds provided are for this last year of the School of Journalism.

I am sending you with this a list of the outstanding Journalism pledges and also a copy of a letter from Mr. Graves. I am afraid that this letter is somewhat typical of replies that we are going to receive all around.

What would be your suggestion as to a method of procedure in connection with the following up of these pledges? If the gifts already promised us could be secured, it would put us through this year satisfactorily, though of course the whole question of the future of Journalism is left in abeyance until some definite plans are drawn.

Mr. Nash is doing what he can in China toward the raising of funds. The outlook here in America does not seem to me just now to be very promising. If our Board for Journalism could be completed and this matter brought at once to their attention, it might be possible for this organized group to tap resources of which we here do not know.

Kindly let me know what your suggestions are in this connection.

Very sincerely,

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N. Gist Gee,
Vice-President

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January 16, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have your letter of January 11th and I am glad to know that you are back in New York after what must have been a rather arduous trip.

I wish to advise you that I have written letters to Mr. Callvert of the Oregonian and to Mr. Rowell of the San Francisco Chronicle asking them to serve on the board of trustees for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation.

Thus far we have only had seven acceptances for members of the board of this Foundation and it was my thought that if either or both of the two whom I have just invited do not accept, I shall proceed with the organization any way.

I wonder if you got a copy of my letter of December 19th in which I mentioned the possibility of some one from your office visiting Mr. Eugene Meyer, former governor of the Federal Reserve Bank and the new publisher of the Washington Post. I believe there is a possibility there for a contribution to Yenching.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
Frank L. Martin

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January 18, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, vice president
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letter of January 15th reached me yesterday, together with a list of unpaid pledges to the Department of Journalism. I have not yet received a letter from Mr. Evans but as soon as I do so, I will go over the material, together with the list you sent me and immediately write you any suggestions I may have in regard to the whole financial situation.

As I told you in a letter sent this week, I am trying to induce Mr. Rowell and Mr. Callvert to consent to accepting membership on the Board of Directors of the foundation. If I do not receive their acceptance within a short time, I shall proceed with the organization on the basis of seven board members.

I had a letter today from Mr. Nash telling of their movement in China to raise funds there. I have written him urging him to make every effort toward that end. Unfortunately I find a rift existing between the University or the Department of Journalism and Mr. Hin Wong. I have advised using Hin Wong in field work in a financial campaign and hope that it will work out that way.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

FLM:WM

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Yenching University

Peiping, China

Department of Journalism

On Board S.S. Empress of Japan
enroute Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1934.

Professor Frank I. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Sir:

Like what I have done in Peiping, I have succeeded in organizing a sort of secretariat in Tientsin and Shanghai for the Missouri-Yenching Society in China, in the name of which we are trying to raise support for the Department of Journalism at Yenching

One of the largest newspaper proprietors in Shanghai has assured support for the Yenching million dollar endowment drive in China, but I am not sure that the Dept will get a share of the million to be raised. It is exceedingly embarrassing to tell others not knowing Yenching inside ~~in~~ organization well that what they have already pledged would not help us any at least for the time being.

I am, however, not at all discouraged in our present effort, and the friends who are supporting me in the present effort have told me that they will see that there will be sufficiently coming to enable us to continue instruction in journalism in Yenching for the year next or longer to come., until the society will be strong enough to create an endowment eventually.

One of the most encouraging factors in our present effort is the assurance for support to the society from former journalism students or those interested in Missouri and Yenching. In our list of membership may be counted Thos. F. Millard, Carl Crow, J.B. Powell, Hollington H. K. Tong, and others of Missouri, and practically all our Yenching graduates in journalism of the larger cities. So far our membership spreads to staffs in the North China Daily News, Shanghai Evening Post, China Press, Shun Pao, China Times, and others in Shanghai.

I expect to include some modern journalists of Canton and Hongkong on our list before I return North. Their joining our society means not only approval of our work but also a desire to do something for us when given a chance, and they will be given such a chance soon.

Soon Yenching friends will ask you not to allow the work thus far successful to be suspended as they have asked me to write you, and I can positively assure you that their request will not be unaccompanied with pledge for material support.

Hoping to write you from time to time on our present effort, I remain,

(Signed) Hin Wong.

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January 19th, 1934

Dear Professor Martin:-

Thank you for your letter of the 16th which has just come.

I wrote asking about the status of the Board because of the Present crisis in the journalism budget. The Yenching Board will not assume any financial responsibility for Journalism and something will have to be done very soon about the budget. The tendency here is to await some action by the Board which is under organization there and then do what they can to help out. Would it not be well to get after those who have pledged sums which are as yet unpaid and see if this cannot be secured. If Dr Williams and you will undertake this, I think it would have more effect than if we were to send out letters from our office here. I would be glad to hear from you as to your opinion on this subject.

We have discussed the possibility of my going through Washington to see Mr Eugene Meyer when I start out on my next trip. In the meantime, he has been invited to become a member of our Advisory Council, but he declined. I have also sent him some literature about the University and I hope that it will be possible for me to get an interview when I call to see him.

Hoping that you can devise some plan whereby these people who have not met their pledges may be willing to help us out, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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YENCHING

Yenching University

January 22, 1934

Professor Frank L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Professor Martin:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of Yenching University held on January 12, 1934, consideration was given to the request from the field to authorize a further expenditure of U.S.\$1,020.54 to balance the 1932-33 Journalism account. The deficit arose from the field making expenditures on the current rate of exchange, whereas the budget approved by the Board of Trustees authorized expenditures based upon expenditures at 4:1. The result was that the expenditure of the larger amount of local currency at prevailing rates called for a relatively larger expenditure in U.S. dollars.

In giving consideration to this request, the Committee reviewed the funds available, as well as outstanding pledges. If the total of \$5,284.23 as shown on the list dated January 15th, and recently sent to you, could all be collected, there would be ample funds and to spare for paying this appropriation, plus this year's budget. Experience would indicate, however, that less than ten per cent could be considered as collectable, unless you can suggest some magical way of influencing these delinquents. Including this small amount of possible income with cash on hand as of January first, gives a total of \$6,162.77. This amount of cash must carry us through the balance of the year, and pay the deficit of last year. The best we can see is the probable deficit of \$3,000, plus the \$1,000 deficit of last year.

There is an item in the U.S. budget of the Department of Journalism, amounting to U.S.\$2,125. for Mr. Nash's return travel. If the Journalism Department continues beyond this year, and funds are made available, this amount can be applied to the General budget.

The field has known from the very beginning that the Board of Trustees have no funds available for the Department of Journalism, other than that listed for this particular cause. It was suggested at the meeting on January 12th that the field again be notified of the serious condition of the funds, and that a like communication be sent to you. I shall be very glad to give you any information available in our files, and sincerely trust some way can be worked out where it is possible to continue this very valuable work.

Very cordially yours,

CAE:RC

Assistant Treasurer

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January 22nd, 1934

Dean Frank L. Martin,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Professor Martin:-

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 18th.

I shall be glad to have your suggestions as to anything we can do here to help out with the financial situation which Journalism is facing. The Board of Trustees has no funds it could allocate for this work, so the situation is very serious. I hope they will be able to raise substantial funds on the field to enable them to carry on until conditions here improve somewhat.

A letter from Mr. Nash to the office this morning contains the following :

"Hin Wong has had to go, and I don't know who we will get in his place. He is taking a leave beginning Jan. 1st to work on cultivation in China but I have little hope from his efforts."

I have not kept up with this situation since I have been away from the office so much. You doubtless have all the facts.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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January 23, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, vice-president
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letter of January 19th came today. In a previous letter you told me that Mr. Evans was sending a statement of the present financial situation in regard to the department of journalism, which I have not yet received.

I would appreciate your letting me know what has already been done by the New York office relative to the collection of unpaid pledges. I am not at all sure that an effort from this office would procure the payment of these pledges any more quickly than a similar effort from the New York office. Before deciding, however, I should like to know what has already been done.

I believe that a personal trip by you to Washington would be worthwhile. I am not at all sure that Mr. Meyer will contribute, but I do know that he possesses sufficient wealth to do so if we can get him interested in Yenching and the department of journalism there.

I received a cablegram from Nash this morning telling me that three of the graduates of the department of journalism at Yenching were planning to come to Missouri next year. He is asking us to consider the matter of honorary Yenching fellowships for each, which would mean our persuading the University authorities to remit all tuition and laboratory fees. I think this can be done.

With best personal wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin

Frank L. Martin

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January 25, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I have been considering the whole problem of the Department of Journalism at Yenching University and have not yet come to any decision regarding plans of solution. It has occurred to me that possibly we had better arrange a conference at which time we can go over thoroughly the matter of budget for the present year, consideration of the information we have in regard to the prospects of obtaining financial aid in China as well as the prospects of collecting from those who have not paid their pledges in this country, and other matters.

I do not know whether or not you think it advisable to use any money from the Yenching journalism funds to pay the expenses of a trip to some middlewestern point or for your coming here or for my coming to New York. My thought was we would want to have Mr. Evans or some one with us at our conference.

If you do not think it wise to use Yenching department of journalism funds for such a trip, it might be that I could persuade the University here to pay at least the railroad fare, provided I could spend a day or two extra in the East on other work.

In any event, I should like to have you write me your opinion as to whether or not you believe we should have such a conference. It seems to me that a crisis affecting the future of the department certainly exists at the present time.

I have just had a visit today from Dr. Hermann Liu, president of Shanghai University. You will be interested to know that he seemed to have rather definite information as to the situation of the journalism department financially at Yenching and talked with me about the possibility of arranging for its transfer to Shanghai. However, you doubtless saw him while he was in New York City.

I would be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank L. Martin
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January 30th, 1934

Professor Frank L. Martin, Dean,
School of Journalism,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Professor Martin:-

Your letter of January 25th came but was delayed in reaching me on account of the week end holiday-Sunday-and I found it on my desk on Monday morning.

The general feeling as to a meeting here seems to be that if you were to be here on other business that such a meeting would be most helpful though the expense involved would hardly be warranted by anything that we felt could be accomplished for journalism until we had some statement from the field as to what the actual situation there was. It would be well for you to write to Dr Stuart and Mr Nash as to what you have in mind and get their reactions. I shall also write them again.

Mr Hedrick has called attention to the meeting of the American Newspaper Association here in April and suggested that there are possibilities of a meeting of a group of newspaper men at that time with a view to interesting them in the journalism program at Yenching. Doubtless you will attend this meeting and our conference could be held here then. Then also we would have before us the reply to our letters to China.

The list of subscribers to the Journalism work at Yenching sent you recently has not been specially circularized by Dr Williams and we believe that if the situation were outlined and the request made of them that they pay up as much of their pledges as possible that it might bring in some return. If this could be done from your office it might prove more effective than if it

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went out from our office. We are enclosing with this both the old list which has already been circularized by Dr Williams and the other list, with addresses, which we suggest for the appeal at present. Please let us know just how this plan strikes you. This can go right ahead and we will know how well the responses will come in before the meeting in April.

Dr Herman Liu has not discussed the subject of Journalism with me. I guess that he was first getting your reaction and that he may take it up with the people on the field when he returns. I hope that Yenching is going to be able to carry on in this line since the work already done has been so helpful. Would the Mo.-Y.U. Foundation be ready to underwrite the budget at Y.U. for another year? If it were able to do this then the organization right away would be most helpful.

It is likely that I shall be coming out to St Louis within the next month and I shall be able to bring with me the results of any discussions here in the committees of the Board of Trustees. I shall let you know my plans when they are definitely fixed within the next two weeks, I hope.

Very sincerely,

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