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YIPAO MEI
YENCHING, CHENG TU (CHINA)

CONNECTION YOUR LETTER APRIL 10, WEIYUNGCH'ING FORMERLY YENTA SECRETARY IS AVAILABLE IN COOPERATION WITH TSAIYUNGCHUNG IF DESIRABLE. POSSIBLE SUPPORT BOTH AND WEI'S TRAVEL MCBRIER FUND IF YOU INVITE STOP YCWEI COULD COOPERATE IN YMCA TRAINING PROGRAM CHENG TU MCBRIER NOW SYMPATHETIC HOOVER CABLING SCLEUNG

CARL EVANS

ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA - 150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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CHENG TU CHINA

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YENTA

August 5, 1943

Yenching University
Board of Trustees
c/o Mr. Carl Evans

Dear Friends,

of appreciation

The Yenching University Board of Directors held its second meeting in Chungking on May 24, 1943. At this meeting Dr. Y.P. Mei, the Acting President, reported the repeated expressions from the Board of Trustees of the efforts on the part of the Board of Directors in reopening Yenching University in Chengtu. The Board of Directors felt much flattered and were fully aware that it was mainly due to the generous and loyal support from the Board of Trustees that the project of reopening Yenching University in Chengtu has met with such a considerable measure of success. And they took an action as follows:

VOTED that a reciprocal expression of appreciation and gratitude for the generous support from the Board of Trustees to Yenching University in Chengtu be sent to New York.

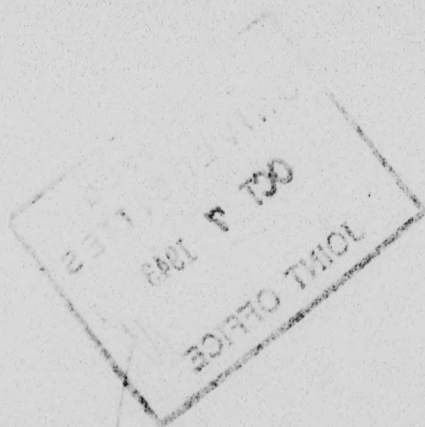
The majority of the members and all of the officers of the Board of Directors are in Chungking. Because of the distance and difficulty in securing signatures, etc., I have taken it upon myself to write the letter and transmit the action on the part of the Board of Directors to which I should like to add my personal appreciation and greetings.

Pledging deeper consecration,

Sincerely yours,

Y.P. Mei

Y.P. Mei
For the Board of Directors



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
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Yenching University
Board of Trustees
c/o Mr. Carl Evans

Dear Sirs:

The Yenching University Board of Trustees, in a meeting held on September 1, 1943, at the Yenching University, Chongking, China, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 25, 1943, and to inform you that the Board has taken the necessary steps to effect the transfer of the Yenching University to the National Government of China.

We are sure that the National Government of China will be able to provide the necessary funds to maintain the Yenching University in its present location.

The Board of Trustees of the Yenching University has the honor to inform you that the Yenching University has been transferred to the National Government of China.

Sincerely,
Yenching University

Y. H. Hsu
For the Board of Trustees



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY IN CHENG TU
CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
YENTA

August 5, 1943

Mr. Carl Evans
New York Office,
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans,

I went back to Chungking with Dr. H.H. Kung after his Chengtu visit last spring, and arranged for a meeting of the Board of Directors towards the end of May at which I made a report about the University during the past academic year, and brought up the University budget for 1943-44 for approval.

It took a considerable amount of time for Chungking people to get the minutes in Chinese for the meeting prepared and approved. I have made an English translation of these minutes and inclose herewith a copy.

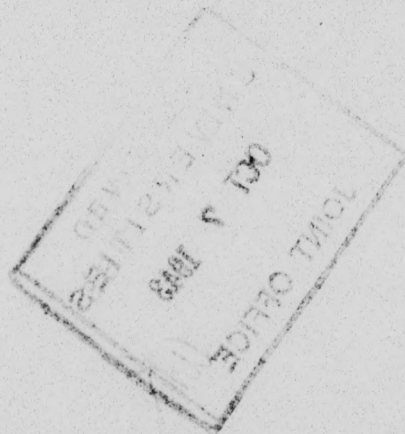
You will note from these minutes that several letters of appreciation are to be written in the name of the Board. I am doubtful that that has been done in Chungking. I have therefore taken it upon myself to write these letters on behalf of the Board which you will find inclosed and which I hope you will forward to the proper channels.

On the instruction of the Board we have worked over the 1943-44 budget in the University since my return. Mr. Robinson reports that a copy of the revised budget has already been mailed to you. There should yet be an explanatory statement concerning the budget. But I am afraid that will take a little more time, and I had better not hold up the present material for it.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

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August 10, 1943

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

Mr. Corbett has shared with me your letter of April 27th which took more than two months in reaching our office.

Many questions are involved which call for some administrative action, which neither at the time when the letter came to hand nor since has there been opportunity to call any stated committee meetings. Therefore, no action has been taken upon any of the questions which have been raised.

Upon re-studying various items, it would appear that it does not rest with us to take the initiative. For instance, in the case of the fire, the request is for us to cooperate with the Methodist Board in sharing the loss which you estimate to be \$15,000. We find that the Methodist Board has not received any request for this money up to the present time. As we cannot commit the Trustees to any expenditure of money without authorization, it is impossible for us to do anything at present.

Immediately after the fire, and in response to the cable which was distributed to the Trustees, we received some funds which might be used to replace personal losses, but again, as this money was left in the hands of the Trustees, I must have these funds properly allocated before remitting.

We are grateful for the copy of the letter to Dr. Elisseeff which we have read with keen interest. It is my understanding that the unfortunate discrepancies in salary schedule as adopted by Yenching in the beginning has been adjusted by the rise in price of commodities and appropriations which have been made to the other Colleges.

In connection with the Harvard-Yenching situation, I am informed that reference to the establishing of a graduate school is not looked upon with favor by individual members of the Institute. If such applications for the use of funds are addressed to our office, we have facilities for checking with key members of the Board and can avoid the presentation of requests which will meet with instant disfavor. This will save you the embarrassment of an out-and-out refusal by action of any board or foundation; whereas, I am quite sure you will understand our reasons for any negative action which might be taken by us.

There is a case in point wherein we were not wholly successful at first, but which we believe, has in it elements of success. I allude to the request for funds from the McBrier Foundation. Your letter was addressed to Mr. McBrier personally and he has written you at some length setting forth the limitations in the Indenture establishing the Foundation. As Mr. McBrier took this out of my hands and answered according to his own conviction, I felt it unwise to interfere, feeling that it would work out satisfactorily in the end. I think this reasoning will be found correct as through cooperation with Lyman Hoover, we have cabled you regarding the use of Dr. Wei Yung Ch'ing who is now in America and ready to return. I believe you will find Dr. Wei exceedingly valuable as a Yenching staff member, while at the same time cooperating in the Y. M. C. A. Training Program. In order to bring Mr. McBrier into a sympathetic understanding, we have had

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several conferences and he is now agreeable. Many of these things can be adjusted, but cannot be done immediately. It takes time and discussion which even in these days are more lengthy than ordinarily so.

Miss Disney's present thinking is not to return to service at Yenching. On the other hand, Mr. Hausske, we believe, is making plans for return the middle of this month, although that is definitely a mere guess. We hope to have him in New York several days before he leaves for China. We would hope that this would give him a chance of meeting with several members of the Yenching Board--but, again vacations make this almost impossible.

We are grateful for the enclosure representing the thinking of many of you regarding the post-war situation. We wish we could report more active progress in our Committee on Post-War Planning, but even so, we believe, that it is taking a proper evaluation of factors involved and its effort to secure an outstanding educator or possibly two representatives is being continued without abatement. Of course, no mention can be made about the prospect until there is full accord and the individual has accepted. It is beyond our thinking to send anyone but those best able to confer sympathetically with you and who will properly evaluate the conditions and rightfully report them upon return.

World events are traveling at such a remarkably rapid pace that we are apt to find ourselves some day facing an entirely new world outlook without sufficient evaluation of resources and needs. I am impatient that there is not more speed in our thinking and actions, and yet, frankly, I do not have the answers to a large majority of the questions which gravitate to the top of my brain. I am more or less in the position of carrying on from day to day in a routine manner and letting events push me rather than my playing any important part in the shaping of conditions. There is one thing which constantly comes back to mind which is to the effect that here in America those deeply interested in China including your Chinese colleagues who are visiting here, shall be drawn together more closely and knit in a common endeavor to see clearly the opportunities as well as obligations which are growing out of this present world situation. If nothing else we can depend definitely upon the leadership of our Lord and Saviour, and working in that atmosphere we can be content at the outcome.

Likewise, you in China must as truly coordinate and cooperate in endeavors as we are trying to do here in America. Difficulties without number will multiply, but let us all go forward in the spirit of the Master, trying to do everything according to His will. Is it not true anyway that if we live in this spirit, the outcome will always lead to the uplifting and glory of His Kingdom.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

cc: Mr. Corbett

P. S. Regarding the two Chinese staff members whom you desire to have return, we have just been informed that Huang Ti will not complete his work until October. It

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would seem that he would be in readiness to return and we are pressing him for a definite decision.

Mr. Hsu Yung Shun has not been in communication with The Rockefeller Foundation for some time and does not reply to communications. We are making another effort, but believe that he is so satisfied in Washington that he will not desire to return in the near future. However, we will let you know later the outcome of other correspondence.

C. A. E.

Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper

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August 31, 1943

Prof. Henry P. Van Dusen
c/o Associated Boards for C.C.C.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Prof. Van Dusen,

Your mimeographed letter of June 17 has just arrived with the other material about the annual meeting of the Associated Boards. The messages and records are very enlightening indeed. And we are much moved by the amount of time and energy spent by our supporters in America in the interest of the Christian colleges in China.

Your own letter is most comprehensive and thoughtful and covers practically all points of importance concerning the field situation. It is remarkable how our minds worked so closely together in spite of the great distances of land and sea between New York and Chengtu. For early in May, while you were busy with these problems in New York Presidents and representatives of nine Christian colleges gathered together with Doctors Cressy and Fenn in Chengtu to attend the much belated meeting of the Council of Higher Education. We spent the good part of a week and went over practically the same problems that you raised in your letter. Supplementary discussions were also held with the other presidents at Chungking who were not able to reach Chengtu in time. Very full minutes and proceedings of the Council meeting were taken by Doctors Cressy and Fenn, and copies must have reached you in New York.

I do not feel I have any personal remark to add to those records of our group thinking about these problems. Of course each institution is unique in many ways and has to apply the general principles in its own fashion. The most concrete and important problem of co-relation and, possibly, in certain instances amalgamation has been entrusted by the Council to a Committee. In fact Dr. Fenn is right now in Chungking to help getting the Committee organized and started. We very much hope that a representative of the Planning Committee might arrive from America to collaborate in this most significant task. If it is possible for yourself to visit China in this connection, that will leave very little to be desired by us all here in China.

With best wishes to you and other members on the Planning Committee,

Sincerely yours,

Y.P. Mei (Assoc. President)

c.c. ✓ Mr. Carl Evans and Dr. Charles Corbbet
Dr. H.E. Cressy
Dr. William Fenn

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August 20, 1943

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I am grateful for your letter of June 14th with enclosures covering your own personal report, the summary of the student registration and breakdown thereof, together with the Treasurer's statement and revised budget for 1943-44.

It is our intention to have a meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Board of Trustees early in the fall, but prior to that time the essential facts involved in this report will be distributed. Of course, it will clarify the situation when we receive the minutes of the meeting.

We are all greatly impressed over the initial start of Yenching and recognize the tremendous enthusiasm and energy which has been injected into the project. As a preliminary word, which I am sure you will understand and one which need not be publicized but retained for your own consumption, is to the effect that we are greatly troubled over direct appeals for assistance from China. The direct approach to Miss Rathbone is one instance and that of a journalism professor is another. The appeal to the Harvard-Yenching Institute was a third one. I have alluded to this in the past but as the trouble deepens and we become more involved it seems that there must be a definite clarification of issues. Still another development was the letter to Mr. McBrier for special funds, although I did receive a copy of the letter, but it came two weeks later than Mr. McBrier's copy.

It invariably happens that these requests come back to roost on the doorstep of the Trustees and if the Trustees do not immediately respond with funds our dear friends outside criticize us severely for non-cooperation.

It ought to be clearly understood that the request for personnel and expenditures must be included within the appropriations voted by the Board of Trustees. Our connection with the National War Fund and United China Relief does not permit our starting extra campaigns for various projects. We are not adverse to taking funds which are designated for any special purpose, which is an entirely different thing than our asking for financial assistance.

In the case of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and also that of Mr. McBrier, they did not involve outside solicitation - but the others did.

I am inclined to think that before any such appeals are made hereafter for the relief of funds that the matter be taken up with our Representative, Dr. William P. Fenn. He has full knowledge as to the extent in which we can solicit funds, and it is fully as much for your own protection and to save you from embarrassment as it is for the protection of the Trustees and the elimination of endless correspondence and telephone explanations on our part.

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Dr. Y. P. Mei:

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The embarrassing situation which now has developed is that a number of people have become interested in the Journalism Project and one person has been given a leave of absence to go to China, and we are now faced without the funds and we are criticized for asking for a physical examination and proper credentials to be presented to our Committee on Instructions.

We will try to work out of these problems with as little friction as possible, but you can readily understand what would happen if all of our Colleges had started similar campaigns.

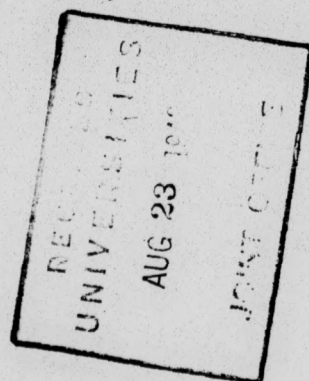
Please accept this as the warmest expression of deep interest and desire for helpfulness. We wish to help in every way possible and it is to clear the road in that direction that I am writing this frankly. We are all bound together in a union of enterprise and devotion to this cause and we must work in closest unity to accomplish the goal whereunto we have set our faces.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:B/W
cc: Dr. Fenn

C. A. EVANS

Via: China Clipper
cc: Next Clipper



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September 1, 1943

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtú, Szechwan
CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

Enclosed is copy of letter received from Mr. Ti Huang of whom you spoke in your cable and a subsequent letter. The Rockefeller Foundation, of course, will not continue his support after the program agreed upon with the Institute has been completed. In other words it does not take into consideration the securing of a doctor's degree.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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September 14, 1943

Dr. Y. P. Mei
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Mei:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from Yung Shun Hsu which indicates he is not returning to China in the near future.

We have not pressed Mr. Hsu to return as The Rockefeller Foundation has not indicated its willingness to extend the travel until next year.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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University of Minnesota
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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letters of August the 11th and 30th regarding the request from Dr. Y. P. Mei of Yenching University at Chengtu have just reached me at my return from a trip. I have just decided not to go back to China until the next summer. The Rockefeller Foundation has extended my travel allowances to June of 1944. Also my scholarship under the China Institute in America. It is expected that my studies at the University of Minnesota may be completed by that time.

I am writing to Dr. Mei for the same. Thanks for your letters. I shall write you first when I am ready to leave. If you have any circulation concerning the recent development of Yenching, please put my name on your mail list.

Very sincerely yours,

s/s Yung Shun Hsu

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New York

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September 17, 1943.

To Faculty and Staff of Yenching University
S. S. Gripsholm
c/o the American Consulate,
Bombay, India.

Dear Colleagues:

Last winter we were all in high hopes of seeing you enjoying again free atmosphere, and possibly seeing some of you right in Chengtu. We even wrote and deposited letters for you at Lorenzo Marques. I enclose herewith a copy of that letter for your reference.

The last nine months have brought a new horizon to the world situation, and you through a new experience - and what an experience it was! News was unsatisfactory enough when you were in Peking. After you went to Wei Hsien all that we could get was only a word here and there, which, however, aroused a lot of unpleasant imagination. We do hope that no permanent injury has been done to any of you and that you are all well enough to begin to recuperate. I recall that Dr. T. T. Liew used to preach a sermon on "Fellowship of Suffering". I feel sure that the experience of bondage for some and vague bondage for the rest of our Yenching "Fellowship" during the last few years has brought us even closer together in spirit, although we may have to be scattered to the four winds for the moment.

Yenching University in Chengtu is forging ahead. I enclose herewith a copy of my report written before the University closed the session last spring. This year we have started class work already with a student body of over 300 and a much stronger faculty than last year. But we are still short of everything, and especially of people. What we need even more than man-power are the old rock-foundations and pillars of the Yenching community to insure stability and quality. Dr. Stuart - who we do pray will be included in the boat-load - and Miss Speer are naturally indispensable. It may be too much to ask for Ran Sailer at this time who has been separated from the family already so long and who most probably need to gain weight worse than ever. Possibly single ladies like Miss Boring and Miss Burt may like to consider another adventure? Miss Boynton has done wonders out here but her English Department must be strengthened. The Shadicks, Nancy and all English Department members are wanted. We realize that we can expect to see even fewer of you in Chengtu this time than a year ago, but please feel sure that you are all welcome to join us. It would be worth a fortune to see your faces here in Yenching. We are all hungry to know about your past, present and future. Please at least write us a letter and tell us how you are and what you plan to do.

The general guess around here is that we are due to go home to Peking by Christmas 1944. See you all under Dr. Stuart's Christmas tree in the President's house by then. And now the very best to you all.

Cordially yours,

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September 20, 1943.

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We are in receipt of your letter of July 22. Regarding the scholarship for Mr. Liao Tai Chu, I have just written Dr. Philip M. Hayden of Columbia University a letter of which I am sending you herewith a copy. We realize there are many more difficulties concerning Chinese students going to America to study now than usual. Financially Mr. Liao is willing and able to provide all the expenses for the project not covered by the Columbia scholarship. From the point of view of continued development of Christian universities in China, we should give encouragement and facilities to the promising and young members of our staff for further study. We are confident that your office will render its assistance for the realization of Mr. Liao's hopes.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

Y. P. Mei.

cc Mr. Liao

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University Office
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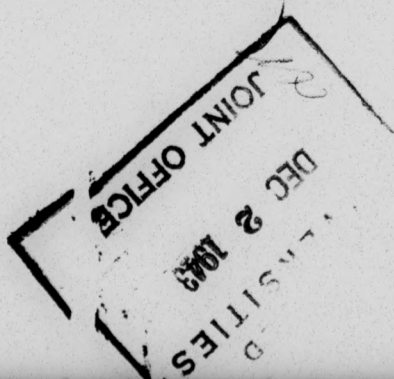
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herewith a copy. We realize there are many more
difficulties concerning Chinese students going to
America to study now than usual. Financially
Mr. Liao is willing and able to provide all the
expenses for the project not covered by the
Columbia scholarship. From the point of view of
continued development of Christian universities
in China, we should give encouragement and facil-
ities to the promising and young members of our staff
for further study. We are confident that your
office will render the assistance for the realiza-
tion of Mr. Liao's hopes.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Wei.

cc Mr. Liao



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YPM/YC/194

September 20, 1943.

Dr. Philip M. Hayden
Columbia University
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Hayden:

I wish to write on behalf of Mr. Liao Tai Chu regarding his scholarship for graduate study in Social Science in Columbia University. I understand Dr. H. S. Galt had been in correspondence with you regarding the matter, and that the case had been quite settled before the outbreak of hostilities on the Pacific.

That of course necessitated postponement of all plans for Chinese students to pursue their advanced studies in America. Since then, however, Yenching University has managed to reopen in Free China here in Chengtu. Mr. Liao Tai Chu himself has come out from occupied territory to join us in the new institution last summer. He has shown himself to be a very energetic and alert person of our staff during this last year. He helped in both teaching and proctoring of students. Mr. Liao has accumulated considerable experience since the time Dr. Galt wrote you.

I am writing to request that the same scholarship be made available for the year 1944-45. We realize that this is rather early to ask for a decision on such matters on your part. But the difficulties of correspondence and procedure for a Chinese to go to America for study must all be known to you. I presume you have all the papers and data concerning Mr. Liao.

Thanking you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei.
Acting President.

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YPM/YC/212

October 7, 1943.

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing this letter to accompany the minutes of a recent meeting of the Women's College Administrative Committee, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. Probably an explanatory remark may be helpful concerning several points raised in the minutes.

The 1942-43 University accounts are being closed under the supervision of Miss Priest and Mr. Robinson. They should be in shape for audit within the next few days. A copy of the audited accounts will of course be sent you as soon as ready.

The Women's College budget for 1943-44 has been approved by the Women's College Administrative Committee and recorded in the minutes. We should like to ask you to present the budget to the Committee of Yenching College of Women for approval. And we should not address a separate letter about this.

We are sorry that we have had to make such frequent changes of Dean of Women's College. But these changes are necessitated by circumstances and go to show one phase of the many difficulties under which Yenching University in Chengtu is working. Dr. Chen Fang Chih is a graduate of Yenching with B. A. degree in 1935. After a year's graduate study in Yenching she proceeded to Brynmawr College where she received her Ph. D. degree in Political Science in the winter of 1939. Since then she has been teaching in the Political Science Department in Yenching except for a break of some months due to the closing down of the University by the Japanese. All through the years as a student and later as a teacher in Yenching Dr. Chen's intellectual acumen and scholarly ability have been well tested and known. She is comparatively yet a young woman, and all of us have great hopes and confidence that she will develop along the line of administration also to a high degree. Incidentally she is a niece of Dr. Shu Hsi-hsu's who must be known to many of our friends in America. We feel sure that the Committee of Yenching College of Women will not only approve of the appointment of Dr. Chen Fang Chih to the Deanship of Women's College but will also give her every blessing and support in this new and important responsibility that she has agreed to taking on at a sacrifice to her own scholastic wishes.

The University has opened for this session on the 1st of September and class work started on September 13. Registration of students has closed with a total of 380 students, only ten more than the number we concluded the last academic year. Problem of space and

had at the end.

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October 7, 1943.

necessity for economy have both led to caution in admitting students. Quality before quantity is ^{now} always our virtue of necessity. Statistical tables are being compiled and will be sent to you when ready.

We are straining ourselves to learn every bit of news available about the repatriation ship and people. We understand they are due at Goa in a couple of weeks' time.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei.

Encl:

cc: Dean Chen Fang Chih
Miss Boynton

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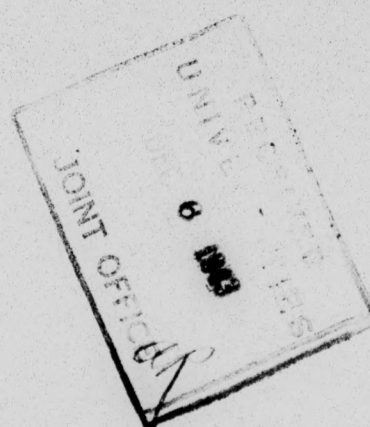
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necessity for economy have been led to caution in monitoring students.

We are attaching ourselves to learn every bit of news avail-
able about the restoration of the old. We are also
one of the best of the old.

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YPM/YC/235

November 18, 1943.

Prof. Serge Elisséeff
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Prof. Elisséeff:

I wrote you last on April 15. Since then I have received the circular letter of March 10 signed by yourself and Mr. Wallace B. Denham. I meant to write you much earlier than this, giving you a report of Yenching's work along the line of Chinese studies during its first year in Chengtu. But on top of every thing else an attack of typhoid, from which I have not yet totally recovered, has delayed many matters. I feel I must hurry with this reply, hoping that it will reach you before the year 1943 is ~~at hand~~ ^{over}.

I am sending you herewith enclosures as follows:

- ✓ A financial report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute signed by the University Controller.
- ✓ A list of courses in Chinese studies with student attendance,
- A faculty directory
- A report of the Acting President,
- The "Summer Research Project" by Dr. Lin Yueh Hua,
- A letter from Dr. Lin Yueh Hua,
- A brief account of Lolo Expeditionary Dr. Lin Yueh Hua,
- A list of publication 1942-43 by Lin Yueh Hua,
- ✓ A budget 1943-44 as Revised up to November 10, 1943.

Most of the enclosed material are by way of meeting the requirement for an annual report and therefore self-explanatory. What is in addition, the President's report for instance, is enclosed with the hope that you may be better informed about Yenching in general especially as it has just reopened in Chengtu.

The budget, however, seems to require some attention. And a systematic discussion of the budget will probably cover all the points that I feel should be taken up with you. First of all I have to remark that cost index has gone up much further and much faster since I wrote you last. It is fast reaching the mark of 20000%. If Yenching had not introduced the scheme of "War-time Full-time Service Increment" a year ago last fall, we do not know how many might yet be able to remain on the faculties of the Christian universities in Chengtu. As it is, the faculty and staff of the university are paid, in terms of buying power, something like 5-6% of their prewar income. I have to make this remark because the budgeted salaries looked extraordinary large while as a matter of fact, the instructors are reduced below subsistence level.

In point of personnel I have already written concerning Prof. K. Ma (馬超), Miss Tseng Hsien-kai (曾憲楷), Prof. Chen Lin-chueh (陳秉喆), Prof. Hsu Chung-shu (許中舒), and Prof. Shih Yu-chung (施友忠). Lin Yueh-hua you know very well already. Let me go over the new names. Kuo Shao Yu (郭紹虞) should not be a stranger to you. He has been for a long time Chairman of the

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^{Chinese} Department. He probably has been on the Harvard-Yenching list but I am not sure. He has written from Shanghai that he is thinking of joining us in the spring. If he should fail to come, we should like to add Shu Shih-yu (舒石予) who is better known by his pen name Lao Shih (老石). I do not think it necessary for me to write you about the literary contribution of these two people though each in a different way. Yang Ming-chao (楊明昭) was a Yenching Chinese major student both in the undergraduate and graduate divisions. He received his M. A. degree several years ago and has been teaching in Yenching since. He is a Szechuan man, much older than his classmates, and with a very sound foundation in Chinese studies. His teaching has been found to be entirely satisfactory. Miss Jung Yuan (容媛) you might remember, is the sister of Jung Keng (容庚) and has been for eight or ten years assisting Miss Hilda Hague in keeping the Harvard-Yenching Institute office. She arrived at Chengtu last spring and we have made her an assistant in the Chinese Department; now that we do not have an independent Harvard-Yenching Institute office. Wang Chung-hang (王鍾翰) took his B. A. and M. A. degrees in the History Department of Yenching. He was a close disciple of Cheng Chih-cheng (程之誠) and William Hung. He has been sharing instruction of the General Chinese History course with Prof. Chang Tang (張唐) before Yenching closed in Peking. He and Prof. Ma both spent half of their time in the Student Welfare Office, and therefore we are listing them for half salaries on the Harvard-Yenching Fund. Prof. Lee Fang-kuei (李方桂) might be known to you already. He did his philology studies under Prof. Sapir in Chicago and later at Yale some fifteen years ago. He has been a research fellow on the Academia Sinica since his return. His studies of local dialects in China proper as well as language of aborigines are quite well known. He lectured at Yale for two years at the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war. He and his family cannot stand starvation with the Sinica now, and there is a good chance of his coming to us next semester.

It is hardly necessary to observe that with a group like Chen Yin-chueh, Hsu Chung-shu, Lee Fang-kuei and Luo Shao-yu, we shall be able to push the program of Chinese studies in Yenching by long and effective strides. And we are hoping that we might even be able to make a humble contribution towards the general atmosphere and stand of Chinese studies among the institutions in Chengtu. If any of these men can see fit to going back to Peking with us, we feel there is a distinct and permanent place for each of them in Yenching.

On the item of "Investigation and Research", Dr. Lin Yuen-hua's report of his summer expedition will give you a good idea. Beside the \$40,000 contribution by the Rockefeller Foundation and the government bureau, we still need \$35,000 to balance his account. We have authorized the Controller to advance this money because of our belief in the value of the project and Dr. Lin's qualification to do it well. While library facilities are so limited, scholastic energies should be directed to the living field of human experience. If you would comply with the request of paying this balance from the Harvard-Yenching Fund that will leave \$15,000 which is certainly not a large item when all of the scholars that I have mentioned get going.

The "One Fellowship" has been granted to Cheng En-yuan (成恩元), about whom I have written you already. He at least decided to go on with his advanced studies in archaeology. He is now working under Dr. Cheng Te-k'un in the Museum. Dr. Cheng seems to be satisfied with his work. We have hopes, some what premature now, that this young man might develop into quite

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a scholar in the field and that in due time he may be given the opportunity of a period of study at Harvard. War-time atmosphere does not encourage young man to take up studies like that of archaeology. And I hope you think the Fellowship is proper.

The item of "Scholarships" does not require discussion. Just one remark about "Books", and that is that the sum put in the budget is altogether inadequate considering the exorbitant cost of books these days. However, we are not trying to build a library in Chengtu. It is already more than we can do even just to get the Chinese reference works for daily use, the campus library being two miles away from Yenching and also inadequate. The small provision for "Journal and Monographs" is meant for printing of very special material, such as that of Dr. Lin's expedition into the Lolo community when it is worked up. We may also be expected to make a contribution towards the Journal to be jointly published by the four institutions in Chengtu.

There has been a series of meeting and discussion on Harvard-Yenching problems by the four institutions in Chengtu during the summer. Reports of these efforts, I trust, have reached you already. Mr. Wang I-tung (王伊同) is already on his way to Harvard. We have high hopes in him, since our History professors considered him one of the most brilliant among the younger men.

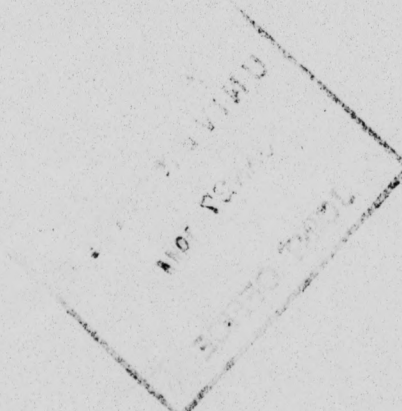
I must close the letter now and hope to be able to write you more frequently henceforth.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei.

Encl: as stated

cc Prof. K. Ma
Dr. Cheng Te-k'un
Dr. Lin Yueh-hua



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Yenching University in Chengtu
18 November 1943

COMMENT

on

Partial Report on Retrenchment directed by Chengtu Universities

We very greatly appreciated the energy and care with which Dr. William Fenn is carrying out his duties as the field representative of the ASOC. His statistical studies have helped us to get a clear picture of the educational situation in Chengtu, and his steady emphasis on realistic planning and budgeting has enabled us to make many economies.

But we are concerned that some of the statistical studies, if unaccompanied by adequate explanations, will ~~give quite a false picture of Yenching's position here, and will~~ give quite a false picture of Yenching's position here, and will prejudice Yenching's relationship with its friends and supporters.

We therefore wish to add certain comments to the "Partial Report on retrenchment directed by Chengtu Universities, Summer 1943". We shall explain some of the figures referring to Yenching University and its record during the past year in Chengtu.

The general tenor of Dr. Fenn's report, implied rather than stated explicitly, suggests that in general Universities have not succeeded in carrying out the retrenchments which were agreed on in June 1943. On this we have no comment to make. But a casual glance would suggest that Yenching increases are exceptionally high and indicative of a poor spirit of cooperation. This impression needs to be corrected by the following considerations.

1. General

The primary reason for Yenching's re-starting in Chengtu was the need to care for faculty and students as they escaped from occupied China and came through the Japanese lines. This stream of people has flowed steadily into Yenching throughout the years 1942 and 1943, and still continues. For example consider the case of Physics. An accumulation of 26 old major students and 4 faculty members led to the Ministry of Education's approval of reestablishing the Department in 1943 Fall semester.

In the expectation of this steady rate of accessions, faculty and student numbers were deliberately kept below capacity in the fall of 1942, and growth during the year 1943 due to this cause should not be regarded as expansion, or compared with that of Universities which have been established in Chengtu for several years.

Further, experience has shown that the two-mile separation of Yenching (excepting the Science College during 1943-4) from the West China campus has meant considerable difficulties in the way of close cooperation in classwork with other Universities. Two miles four times a day is not lightly demanded of undernourished students. Thus Yenching is unfortunately unable to benefit as other Universities do, and unable to economize as much as is otherwise desirable by sending students to the courses of other Universities. This makes for a slightly higher

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faculty-student ratio than would be necessary if we enjoyed the advantages of living on the West China campus.

Finally, Yenching, with 380 students, is less by far than its old enrolment of over 1000, and is now less than optimum size, needing to grow. Whereas other Universities on the campus are all greater than their prewar size, especially Nanking and West China.

2. Students

Comparisons with November 1942 should be ruled out completely as far as Yenching is concerned. Most of the nearly 200 students from Peiping arrived since that date. Yenching enrolment should only be compared with Spring 1943 figures. They show that Yenching increase in student numbers is relatively and absolutely smaller than that of all other Universities, only Ginling Women's College ~~being~~ having smaller increase than Yenching. This is due to a definite effort on Yenching's part to cooperate, and in spite of all the considerations mentioned above which make for Yenching's growth, where Yenching added 17, Nanking added 53, Cheeloo 75, and West China 251.

As regards new students, the figure quoted by Dr. Fenn is in error. His 140 for Yenching includes 39 who arrived from Peiping and should be classified as old students. Only 101 were admitted as new students, and withdrawals brought this number down to 93. Thus Yenching took in 64 students less than in the previous year - a larger decrease than any other institution. The number of new students admitted stands at ~~25~~ 26 %, not 38 % of the June enrolment - a figure less than that of any other Institution except Nanking, which has a huge enrolment. It should be noted that Nanking's overall increase in student body was greater than Yenching's.

3. Faculty

In last November Yenching struggled along with a quite inadequate faculty. For instance Dr. Lei was acting as President, as Dean of the Arts College, and teaching two courses, Dr. Hsiung Te-Yuan was acting as President's Secretary, Alumni Secretary, and Business Manager with all responsibility for funds in addition. Nearly everyone carried a heavier-than-normal load, and some - for instance Dr. Han Ching-lien, Dean of Studies, broke down in health under the strain.

Thus a growth in faculty numbers was inevitable, as suitable members arrived from the north or adequate personnel could be found from elsewhere to fill the gaps.

Now most of these gaps have been filled, and it should be observed that at present Yenching faculty is relatively no larger than that of other ~~xxx~~ Universities, and far below the total of over 200 of prewar days. Student-faculty ratios for the five Universities stand as follows West China 3.6 (3.7), Ginling 3.8 (3.9), Yenching 4.0 (4.2), Nanking 4.2 (4.3), Cheeloo 6.1 (6.3). The first figures for each University are calculated on Dr. Fenn's basis that parttime teachers count as half of fulltime teachers, and those in brackets on the truer basis that they count one quarter.

These show that Yenching stands midway, or if we take the bracketed figures, with a very slightly lower student-faculty ratio than Nanking University which has the great advantage of a large student body and operating on the main campus.

Conclusion

Thus it will be seen that while the original agreements failed to be realised fully by any university, Yenching's record analysed in the light of historical and geographical conditions compares very favorably with that of any other institution.

Yenching student increases were smaller than those of other Universities in spite of many special circumstances which made for increase.

Yenching faculty increases were greater than those of other Universities, but can be completely accounted for by the arrival of former faculty members from Peking, and the filling of gaps to bring the student-faculty ratio ~~XXXX~~ to a normal value.

Y.P. Wei

Acting President
Yenching in Chengtu



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November 24, 1943.

Mr. Carl . Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

The position of the Trustees concerning ^{its} financial policy and administration which you discussed in your letters written last summer we quite appreciate and understand. What with the large group of faculty in North China, foreigners as well as Chinese to support, and what with the rehabilitation of plant and requirements in Peking in the future, naturally there can not be a great deal left to the institution in Chengtu. Looking at the situation from this background we in Chengtu have very little to complain and rather think the grant of "University US\$45,000 and Women's College US\$15,000" is on the generous side. The sustaining fund of US\$105,000 comes very handy indeed. Although you realize the margin of these grants is very small, we have been trying still to keep our books balanced by the end of June 1944. From the 1943-44 Budget you must have noted that there is a deficit of around three quarters of a million Chinese dollars. We have been thinking we would balance the budget, but we doubt it now. The catch comes from the income discrepancy of 1942-43.

All along, from cables and correspondence you have sent Mr. Edwards and ourselves in those early months of 1942, we have come to the understanding that the grant from America for that year was as follows:

University	US\$50,000 ✓
Women's College	15,636 ✓
Sustaining Fund	50,000 ✓
*Emergency	45,000 * — ?
TOTAL	\$160,636

Now your letter of July 20 reports that "Sustaining Funds were closed out at US\$71,250, of which \$2,500 was for the Women's College and \$21,250 for Temporary Buildings if needed". Accordingly the table now stands as follows:

University	US\$50,000 ✓
Women's College	15,636 ✓
Sustaining Fund (Univ.)	47,500 ✓
Sustaining Fund (Women's C)	2,500 ?
Temporary Buildings	21,250 ✓
TOTAL	\$136,886 ?

This leaves out Emergency \$45,000. The figure of \$21,250 for Temporary Buildings we hear only for the first time. If it is something additional, we are grateful. But if that is meant to take the place of Emergency \$45,000, then we run short of a difference of \$23,750 which is needed badly to balance the budget 1943-44. Maybe you considered the Emergency \$45,000 as applicable to pre 1942-43 expenses and therefore left it out of this discussion. Then we have nothing to worry.

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November 24, 1943.

Miss Priest has put our books for 1942-43 - including all expenses for reopening in Chengtu before July 1, 1942 - in shape for the auditor. There is a balance of about three quarters of a million local currency if the income is according to our original understanding. But if the Emergency income should be cut to the amount according to your letter, we can barely close our books for 1942-43 without a deficit, and that will leave the budgeted deficit of 1943-44 without anything for cover.

If the ^{re plays} Temporary Building Fund is something extra, we are glad of it, but have not drawn on it. But the rent we are paying because of our conservative police is getting more and more exorbitant. We should like to have the Building Fund applied to meet this expenditure which is really another way of solving the question of housing for a temporary period.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Edwards and to Miss Priest to check up the facts and figures about our expected income 1942-43. If the difference between US\$45,000 and \$21,250 cannot be made up to us for 1942-43, then we have to request for a special grant of the sum for the current year. Looking out to the financial situation of the Christian Colleges after this year, I feel only drastic change in the exchange rate can keep them at anything like their present scope.

I should like to request on behalf of the fire victims that contributions you have received for this purpose be cabled over as soon as you can. With the winter coming, the need is very acute.

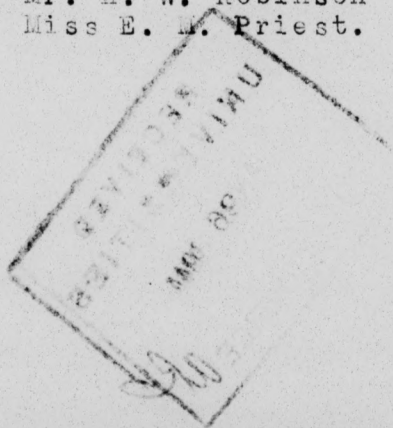
We are also beginning to see our way to arranging for money to be sent to Chinese professors in Peking whose situation is also getting desperate. How much can you release to Chengtu out of the "Back-salary Reserve" for this purpose and the purpose of squaring with members who are not working in Chengtu for the gap of those spring months of 1942?

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

Y. P. Mei,
Acting President.

cc. Mr. D. W. Edwards
Mr. H. W. Robinson
Miss E. M. Priest.



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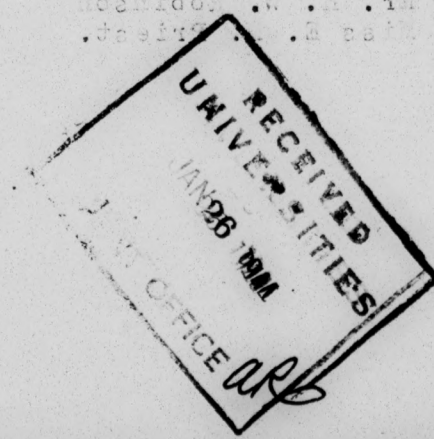
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cc. Mr. H. W. Edwards
Mr. H. W. Robinson
Mr. A. B. Street



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November 26, 1943

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

On top of every thing else, an attack of paratyphoid has knocked me out for almost a month from the office. I am at the tail end of it now, and have just resumed my office responsibilities,

We have been in receipt in two mails of letters from you dated July 20 enclosing minutes of the Board of Trustees annual meeting, of August 10, and of August 20. A more recent mail has also brought the circular of September 28 from Dr. Corbett. I find there is also a circular from Dr. Corbett dated April 7 enclosing minutes of Yenching Committee on Promotion. Mr. Robinson has shared your letters to him with me just as I have shown your letters to me to him.

We are very glad to hear of your receipt apparently of all the stories, reports, directory lists, and photographs that have been sent you either in my letters or those of Mr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson is still wondering about the negatives, of which you have made no mention.

I give here a list of the enclosures in this letter as follows:

- A copy of my letter to Prof. Blisseeff with a financial statement of the Harvard-Yenching Fund for 1942-43 and a budget for 1943-44. *— Sent in letter of Nov. 30. A duplicate of Budget herewith enclosed*
- A copy of "Aims of Yenching University" which was requested by Dr. Fenn. *— to be sent in next letter*
- A copy of "Inter-Institutional Cooperation in Chengtu" Some student statistics, Fall 1942. *— 4 sheets*
- Faculty directory, Fall 1942 (in preparation and will be sent when ready)
- A copy of Dean Chen's letter to Dean Dubach.
- A fortnightly letter. *by Miss Boynton.*
- Dr. Wei Fenn's statistics and our "Comment."*

Miss Boynton received two short letters from Miss Boring and one from Miss Cochran a week ago; now a large number of messages from the "Gripsholm" has come in. We judge that our letters and telegram were not delivered until after the ship left India. The group of repatriates should have arrived in New York long before this letter, and we are eagerly awaiting information about them. We would greatly appreciate a directory including names, addresses, and future plans on the part of each, - about work in America, desire to join us here in Chengtu, or intention to wait until Yenching is again in the north. In view of the presence of this group in America and your desire for news and reports, we have initiated a series of fortnightly letters, the first of which I am sending you to be circulated, and we shall be most grateful for your kindness in thus putting us in touch with each other.

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We are sharing with you all profound disappointment that Dr. Stuart was not repatriated, and distress over his continued imprisonment.

In considering your letters of ^{last summer} July 20 to me and those to Mr. Robinson and myself, we fully understand the desire on the part of our Yenching Trustees, that our refugee institution in Chengtu should keep to a modest scale and should cooperate fully with our sister institutions. The whole question seems to hinge on the forecast of the length of the war. Almost two years have already elapsed and there is no sign yet of the end.

If we are to remain in Chengtu for only one or two more years, we shall be most anxious to keep to minimum size and scope. No one knows better than we how difficult and costly it is to build an institution "from scratch", and how equally difficult it will be to move or scrap it.

But if we are to be here for five or six years, the situation alters. There has never been a time when China's need for trained personnel has been greater and as Yenching was founded to supply Chinese citizens of character and ability, it would seem that the needs of the post war reconstruction are a challenge we cannot ignore. We were called into existence by the demand of our alumni, through their Board of Directors and by our inner loyalty to the institution. Later the American Trustees endorsed our reopening. We are working here side by side with the sister institutions who are all plodding along although the going is rough. Our purpose is to do the best we can under the circumstances and with full deference to the wisdom of all who consult with us. In the uncertainty as to when the war will be over, we have adopted the course of keeping the ~~it~~ small but we have strained every resource to maintain the high standards for which Yenching is respected, so far as circumstances have permitted. We are aware that our whole venture is in the experimental stage, and we shall hope for as much council and instruction from the Trustees in America as they can give us.

On the point of cooperation with other institutions we enclose a separate memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

Y. P. Mei

Y. P. Mei

P.S. This ought to be the first of the 3 recent letters, the other 2 being dated Nov. 24 and Nov. 30. The delay is due to rewriting. The last clause at the end of the letter of Nov. 24 should read "who are now working in Chengtu" and not "who are not working in Chengtu."

Y. P. Mei

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If we are to remain in the ghetto for only one or two more years, we shall be most anxious to keep to minimum size and scope. No one knows better than we how difficult and costly it is to build an institution "from scratch," and how equally difficult it will be to move or scrap it.

But if we are to be here for five or six years, the situation alters. There has never been a time when China's need for trained personnel was so great and as Yenching was founded to supply Chinese citizens of an enterprising and ability, it would seem that the needs of the post war reconstruction are a challenge we cannot ignore. We were called into existence by the demands of our alumni, though their board of trustees and by our inner loyalty to the institution. Later the American trustees entered our accounting. We are working here side by side with the other institutions who are all doing long although the going is tough. Our purpose is to do the best we can under the circumstances and we shall still deference to the wishes of all who consult with us. In the uncertainty as to what things will be over, we have adopted the course of keeping the **U** and we shall do our best to resource to maintain the high standard for which Yenching is respected, and for a comfortable have been tried. We are sure that our role will be in the experimental stage, and we shall hope for a of our **U** and instruction from the Trustees in India. As we can give us.

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November 27, 1943.

Mr. S. C. Leung
The National Committee
Y. M. C. A.
38 Chung Hsueh Kai
South Bank, Chungking

Dear Mr. Leung:

Your letter of November 20 came to hand a couple of days ago. And it reminded me that I should add a note re Wei Yung-ching to bring the matter up to date. Since writing you in August, we have received the following cable from New York:

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AUGUST FIFTH REGARDING WEIYUNGCHING MCBRIER FUNDS
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To this cable we replied as follows:

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Mr. Evans' cable made mention of availability of McBrier Fund for Wei and there is also a letter from Evans giving more detailed information. The McBrier Fund is a special fund for the purpose of promoting religious life in Yenching. We have the need of a religious worker among the students in Chengtu very badly, especially as the School of Religion is no more with us now. But we cannot afford the money and have not found the man. If Wei Yung-ching can return to Yenching on this Fund it will fulfil our desire very nicely. Besides our cabled reply we have also written about our position in the light of fuller information re the case.

We have had to point out to New York that Yenching is located in Chengtu while your office is in Chungking. We expressed some doubts as to the feasibility of sharing a person at such a distance and with such difficult communication. Of course Hoover ought to know these things.

Sincerely yours,

cc. Mr. Carl Evans
Mr. K. Ma

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CHENG TU CHINA

CABLE ADDRESS
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November 30, 1943

Mr. Carl A. Evans
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am glad to acknowledge your letter of August 20, in which you discussed certain steps of our administrative procedure so frankly. I am sorry if you have been caused undue annoyance and trouble because of them; and I realize my limitations in administrative experience of Yenching affairs. In spite of my years in this institution, I have had very little to do with the New York Office, and therefore in all matters connected with you in America I have been groping in the dark or depending on the advice of my colleagues. Now that a large group of Yenching repatriates are in America, I believe a number of the missing links can be more satisfactorily supplied by some one of them (Miss Speer, for instance) when questions do arise.

On the particular points raised, however, I feel an additional word might help towards a better understanding, and I say it, reciprocating your frankness, and with confidence in our mutual trust.

The Harvard-Yenching relationship, I understand, has always been directly between the Institute in Peking and the Foundation at Cambridge, and not through the Yenching Board of Trustees. In writing to Prof. Elisseeff I thought I was only serving in the place of Mr. Porter or William Hung. As to the intention of the letter last winter, - Yenching has no desire to develop a full fledged Graduate School of Chinese Studies in Chengtu. I talked the matter over with Dr. Charles Stelle when he was here. All that Yenching seeks is undergraduate work in Chinese, but with high standards. The provision made by the Harvard-Yenching Foundation was insufficient even for that, as you must have noted from the budget and the financial statement. It seems that Prof. Elisseeff and his associates did not at the time fully understand the exorbitant cost of living in China. My letter was intended to make these points clear to him.

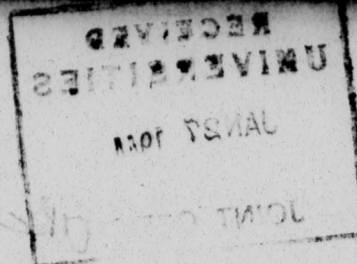
In addition to my ignorance of the scope of the activities of your office I was doubtful whether you would wish to be bothered by these special features of the University, negotiations concerning which require detailed information that does not usually find a place in matters of general administration. With these reasons at the back of my head, I wrote Prof. Elisseeff another letter a copy of which I am enclosing herewith. I hope this second letter will not create further embarrassment.

The Missouri University interest in Yenching Department of Journalism must be an old story to you. Now that Yenching is in Free China, we naturally wish to re-establish those contacts which were found embarrassing when we had to carry on under Japanese control. We are glad of the cordial response from Missouri, and of the interest of such a friend as Mr. John B. Powell. The suggestion of releasing Prof. Edith Marken to Yenching came from Missouri and seemed to us most generous. We must now decide whether Yenching resources in China and in America can meet the conditions of her support - whether this is a gift we can afford to accept. If further difficulties arose about Miss Marken, they were matters of which we were ignorant. I hope the matter has

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been settled, one way or the other, by this time, and I should be glad to know what the result is. It may not be out of place to mention that we wrote you in detail concerning this Missouri connection in the spring of 1942, suggesting that Mr. David Lu of the China Central News Agency at Washington might be of use in dealing with the Missouri people. We have not heard from you concerning that suggestion; and we have had word from Mr. Lu that he has had no communication from the New York Office in regard to it. Was our letter perhaps lost in the mails?

We wrote Mr. McBrier after consultation with those in Yenching most concerned for the religious welfare of our group. If it is possible to have your good offices in approaching him we shall greatly appreciate your help. Dr. S.C. Leung of the National Y.M.C.A. showed me a portion of a cable last summer from the Y.M.C.A. authorities in America addressed to Mr. Leung which related to Wei Yung-ching. The meaning was not entirely clear to me as I read it. Our present position regarding Wei is this: if he can come on the McBrier Fund, Yenching will be happy to have him on our staff. If Wei has to seek his own support we shall be willing to have the Y.M.C.A. take him over for the duration of the war. It does not seem feasible to plan to share him with the Y.M.C.A. ~~on~~ McBrier Fund support, because the National Y Headquarters are in Chungking. I have just written Mr. Leung another letter to bring him up to date. I enclose herewith a copy for your reference.

In regard to Miss Rathbone I also sought the advice of colleagues and wrote in accordance with it. I was given to understand that Miss Rathbone was interested in coming to China, that she was well disposed toward Yenching and that she could either support herself, or find support for a journey to the Far East. But I was told she would need a letter of invitation to make her case with the State Department. Now, although we should be glad of Miss Rathbone's help, we are not in a position to pay for it, and it now looks as though she might come out for a joint program under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Ginling College and Yenching University. We shall welcome her, and be glad to cooperate in any feasible plan for her stay in China, but at present we cannot take financial responsibility.

Your discussion of these issues gave me a sense of encouragement and a realization of the interest and support we may look for from the New York Office.

We are glad that the presence of Mr. Balfour in China gave us the opportunity for direct contacts with the Rockefeller Foundation, and we are sure you rejoice with us over the gratifying results of our approach the raising of the grant to our College of Public Affairs from U.S. \$3000 to U.S. \$6000. We are even now negotiating with him and the R.F. Board re support to the C.P.A. after the current year which as you know is the last according to the R.F. schedule.

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Mrs. Mei and I have a personal friend in Chicago, Mrs. G.L. Pollock, who used to send us small sums of money occasionally for child welfare work, etc. She now finds it impossible to remit money to China and I have suggested that she might send her contribution to us through your office.

Sincerely yours,

Y.P. Mei

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Chengtu China

December 17, 1943

A GENERAL LETTER TO REPATRIATED MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

Dear Friends:

There is hardly anything more encouraging during the past months in the Yenching community than first the news, and now the fact, of the repatriation of so many of our colleagues and friends. We were once much stirred up about repatriation over 12 months ago only to be greatly disappointed by the failure of the arrangement. When talk about repatriation started again late last summer, we hardly knew what to believe, we were so afraid of another disappointment. Then there was the rushing about for news, names, dates, lists and every bit of information available. We have even suggested to the New York Office to cable us the full list when you do land, which suggestion now looks so extravagant.

We cannot hide even from you our deepest disappointment about Dr. Stuart not being included. According to information from several sources, we have worked out a list of this batch of repatriates which we hope is complete and we enclose herewith a copy for you to check up.

Letters from Miss Speer, Miss Wagner, Miss Duncan, Dr. Boring, Dr. Kramer, and Mr. Smith from Goa addressed to different people in Chengtu have arrived and have been shared by all of the old gang. And now I have a letter from Miss Speer and one from Dr. Galt, and Miss Boynton has also received one from Miss Wagner and one from Miss Boring, all from Port Elizabeth. We are happy to hear that my letter written to you to Goa did reach you, and even the letter and the enclosure sent over 12 months ago. It seems you were as much anxious and excited to get information about us as we were about you.

On December 5 the local papers published the news of an interview given by Dr. Ferguson in New York. Somebody on the West China University campus says he heard the broadcast by the Gripsholm repatriates on December 3. So we know you are on schedule and probably all reunited with your families by now. We commemorated the closing in Peking and celebrated the Anniversary of Reopening in Chengtu on December 8. On that day the thought of all faculty and students were especially with those in Peking and you in America. I had the pleasant duty of broadcasting in the evening. We naturally made reference to the scattered groups of the Yenching family. But we did not arrange an international hook-up, and so I do not believe you heard us that evening.

It is most gallant of those of you who wrote and indicated desire to join forces with us in Chengtu almost as soon as you knew freedom was a possibility. I wrote in my letter to Goa how much we needed the service and the inspiration from the presence of you all in Chengtu. Refugeeing has brought us many new experiences and observations, and one of the outstanding ones is the realization that the Yenching group of foreigners are as excellent as they are unusual elsewhere. Some of you have reported your decision to hand in your resignations to the Yenching Board as soon as you reach New York. While I appreciate the noble motive back of this decision, I do hope it is only a gesture. You must have realized that probably the most important of all purposes for reopening Yenching in Free China is to preserve its faculty. Of course, there must be individual problems of family, health, and retiring age, and these circumstances might in some cases have been brought to a head by the upheaval. But aside from these, I feel the indispensability of everyone in the future task of "restoration and reformation" as Dr. Galt so aptly put it.

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Yenching University
Chengtu, China

December 17, 1943

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Naturally we all distinguish in our minds the permanent arrangement in Peking, on which I do not feel I am in a position to say more than what is said in the last paragraph, from the make-shift situation in Chengtu. As far as Chengtu is concerned, for very evident reasons, we have kept the University on a very much reduced scale. Then, the problem of living conditions in Free China must be seriously considered, especially by people who have had a period of internment camp. The English standard of the student body is dropping every year as we admit more and more local students, in spite of the desperate efforts of Miss Boynton and her staff. That means teaching has to be mostly in Chinese. The high cost of living is reducing our earning power to an unbelievable level - just for example, I received about \$20 last month in term of pre-war value. Evidently to try to keep foreign members of the University staff on the same treatment basis with the Chinese will be quite difficult, and yet finances and consideration of morale put a very definite limitation at the other end. The Mission members may be a little better off, but not very much. Then there is the question of red tape, the great cost and the time and danger of the long journey.

I started out to write a letter of welcome but the last paragraph sounds like throwing cold water. The point is that you want information about facts and we want to have you come prepared. Naturally we cannot expect a large number to arrive at Chengtu under these circumstances, and we are consulting as to people that we shall request specifically.

We do hope that you will find the needed stimulation as well as recuperation in America after your internment. Whatever happens in between, we do hope you will all keep in good health, and let us all plan for a grand reunion in the President's House by - Christmas 1944?

I have used "we" in this letter not so much administratively or editorially as it is meant for the whole group of us who are now in Chengtu all of whom join me in sending you best wishes of the season which here means Christmas and New Years but there with you, when the letter arrives, probably China New Years.

Cordially yours,

signed - Y. P. Mei

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CHENG TU CHINA

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December 20, 1943

Dr. William H. Adolph
Dr. Rancolph C. Sailer
Miss Margaret B. Speer
Miss Ruth M. Stahl
Miss Augusta B. Wagner
Dr. Alice M. Boring
Miss Anne Cochran
Miss Shirley M. Duncan
Dr. Martha M. Kramer

Dear Colleagues,

I take the greatest pleasure in writing and extending to you the invitation from Yenching University in Chengtu to join the faculty here. The need of your services in the respective offices and departments is as definite as it is desperate. We have no doubt that your arrival at Chengtu will help the institution here to be much more worthy of the name of Yenching. The individual departments will be writing you separately concerning their plans and your contribution.

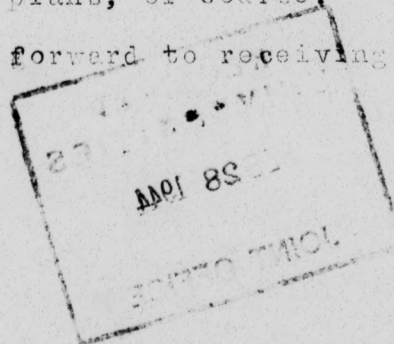
Financially speaking, there is necessarily a difference between the group under Mission or Wellesley support and the one under the University. We rather hoped that the supporting agencies will take care of the former group and that neither the Board in New York nor the Administration in the field need to do very much about them. With regard to the latter group, my associates and I have made out the list mainly from the point of view of need according to the program here in Chengtu, and more or less have left the question of the financial means to be discussed in America. Our Office in New York can tell you outright that the field budget cannot carry any extra load. But we understand salaries have been reserved by the Trustees for University members while they were kept in Peking or Weihsien. Of course, the high cost of living in Free China will necessitate readjustments. Mission schedules might be referred to with profit. It happens all the four members in the above list under this category are women members, and we have thought the Committee of the Yenching College for Women might also do something to make the arrangement possible.

In the same envelope I am sending a general letter to all the repatriated members in America. I hope you will give the points raised in that letter due consideration. And I hope that you will decide to accept this invitation. It would be well if you could arrive at Chengtu sometime next September. But we are now used to students and faculty arriving almost any time of the year. We are eager to hear of your decision and plans, of course.

Looking forward to receiving you here in Chengtu before long,

Sincerely yours,

Y. F. Mei
Y. F. Mei
Acting President



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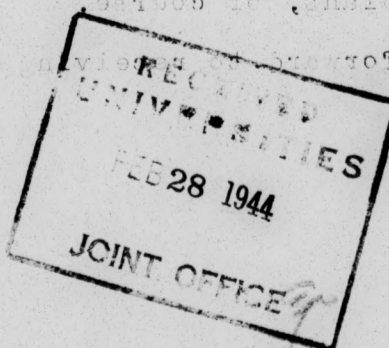
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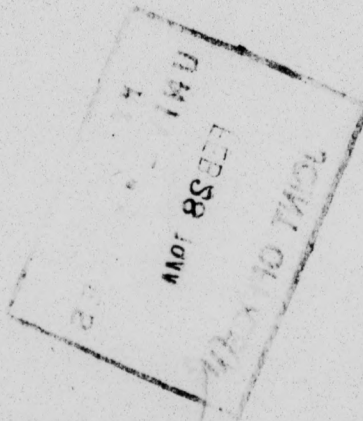
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November 25, 1943



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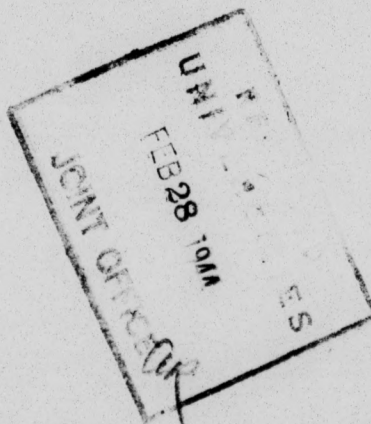
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November 25, 1943
President's Office



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Dr. Y. P. Mei,
Yenching University,
Chengtú, Szechwan, China.

The following postscript was added to President Mei's copy of the letter to the Presidents dated December 20, 1943.

P.S. It was thoughtful of you to send a letter to Goa to meet the repatriates from Yenching. It reached them safely and gave them an idea of what is going on in Chengtu. I do not know whether any of them wrote you from Goa. The journey from Goa to New York on the Gripsholm was very much more comfortable than the previous trip on the Teia Maru, and the spirits of the passengers rose rapidly. Many put on weight, the record being held by Miss Anne Cochran who claimed to have gained twenty pounds, though she still looked very thin when she arrived. In general they appear to be in pretty good health, though Prof. E. O. Wilson is not at all well, having had a return of his former malady. But we hope that with proper care and treatment he will greatly improve. All have been advised to take a period of rest before taking up new work, but some are already located in temporary positions, and others have received offers they are considering. We cannot now say who will be available for Free China, because there are so many factors to be considered.

Your account of the interview between the Presidents of several of the Christian Colleges and the Minister of Education was distributed as a confidential document to the members of the Planning Committee and was studied with great interest. The outline which you and Dr. Price prepared on the "Best Contribution of Christian Universities to Post-war China" has been distributed to the Planning Committee. The other enclosures which you mailed on April 27, were duly received.

Your reply to Dr. Van Dusen's letter of inquiry arrived on October 28th and was transmitted to him through this office. He will probably answer you in due course if he has not already done so.

C.H.C.

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