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Office of the Director of Studies

YENCHING

June 20, 1936.

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

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Dear Dr. Garside:

Dr. Stuart has asked me to answer your letter of May 25 regarding foreign students at Yenching, inasmuch as I have been connected with Admissions recently.

I think you size up our feeling very accurately. We appreciate very much the presence and contribution of a few foreign students at Yenching, and realize their value also in making connections in America. With very few exceptions we have been very fortunate in those we have accepted. We do feel at the same time that we can only continue to be lucky if we keep on taking great care in selection. Especially we are wary of such parties as Lingnan took in this past year. I have heard only rumors of their not working out well, and hope to get a detailed account before long.

The main danger seems to me to be the formation of a group of Americans, however excellent individually, whose center of gravity will be in American culture rather than in Chinese, and who will tend to pull our more Westernized Chinese students still further away from the rest of the student body.

It looks now as though our 14 or so foreign students this year would be a little reduced for next year, partly perhaps through a wise caution in coming to North China where the completion of a school year cannot be guaranteed. I think we shall have only four foreign freshmen, all from China, one graduate exchange fellow from California, and either one or two transfers from American colleges. These in addition to a few who will stay over from this year.

We really must work on more adequate information for foreign students. I am sending our present sheets, and also a little blank that we use to size up the candidates attitudes and purposes a little. Purpose in coming is most important to discover, and can better be told indirectly than from the high-sounding answer that is pretty sure to come in answer to a direct question.

For freshmen, we can accept College Board examinations, except that the result is known too late for plans to be

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made easily. Our own examinations we can give in May if we have plenty of warning. Transfers we have not been examining at all, but take record and recommendations heavily into account.

I wonder if the best way to help is not for us to ask some member of our staff on furlough to handle things for us on your end. I shall myself be around one year later. For this year I think probably Mr. Ritter, who has just left, would be willing to do it. He will be at Hartford Theological Seminary during the year. I shall write him about it.

To be more definite in answer to the points you raise, I think we would not want to take more than about half a dozen students direct from America each year, less rather than more. For missionary children we inquire particularly into progress already made in Chinese, as giving an indication of whether Yenching is being used as a convenience for a year, or as a real chance to live with Chinese students. For those from America, we try hard to separate out the merely adventurous from those who are out to learn.

I shall try to draw up a brief statement later on, that might be sent in answer to first inquiries. Those who persisted might then be referred to Mr. Ritter, and urged also to write us direct.

Thank you very much indeed for taking this matter up, and offering cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Randolph C. Sailer

Randolph C. Sailer

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YENCHING

May 4, 1937

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

While I note from the 1936-37 Yenching University Bulletin that the "Office of Director of Studies" is temporarily vacant, I have been continuing to write you on matters relating to the admission of new students because I do not know whom else to address.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter I have just received from Professor Pelton L. Scudder of Wesleyan University together with a copy of my reply. I am not sure whether we have made the correct suggestions or not.

We have received a large number of inquiries this year from prospective Yenching students or their parents. We have dealt with all these requests more or less on an individual basis. But it does seem to be desirable that within another year we have some more clearly defined policies and modes of procedure in handling such inquiries as these. I believe you are scheduled to spend next year in America. If so, I hope you will bring with you from the campus some clearly defined conclusions as to policy and methods of procedure which we can follow next year and, so far as possible, in succeeding years. Our office here in New York is anxious to carry out the wishes of the field in whatever way you may direct us. If we should take the position that there are few or no places at Yenching available for American students, we can pass that word around. If a limited number of particularly well qualified students can be admitted from year to year, we ought to set up a very careful system of seeing that the choicest young people are chosen out of the large number who are beginning to apply. There should in that case be a very definite understanding as to the dates by which applications must be admitted, and the procedure by which action on each application is to be taken. There should probably be some differentiation between students applying for admission to the freshman class, and those who would enter with advanced standing.

We hope that if you are coming to America this autumn you can help us to clarify all such questions as these.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Garside:

Would you be good enough to note, and report to Columbia accordingly if word is received? Thank you very much.

99 Chremont Ave.
New York, Jan. 6, 1938.

Dr. H. S. Galt,
Yenching Committee on Fellowship Recommendations,
Yenching.

Dear Dr. Galt:

May I raise the question of the Yenching nominee for the Columbia Exchange Fellowship, now held by Yen Ch'un?

During the vacation Mr. Yen and Mr. Teng Tsu Yu visited me, and Mr. Teng has asked me to write you. You will remember that Mr. Yen is now on his third year, somewhat against the desires of Columbia which would prefer the Fellowship to be held for one or two years only. He would like a fourth year, as he sees no opening in China and finds plenty to study, unless he can land a position at Yale of which there seem to be good prospects. Mr. Teng is now with Arthur Hummel in Washington, working on a grant that will be exhausted this June. He would like the Columbia Fellowship, though he says he does not wish to cut in ahead of Mr. Yen. A year and a half ago in the Summer sudden word was received from Columbia that they would approve Mr. Teng for 1936-37, but for personal reasons he was unable to leave at that time. His credentials are here in Columbia because of an application for a History Fellowship, and none additional are needed except a cable that he is the choice of Yenching. If you will cable, if this is approved, "Teng authorized" to Dr. Garside before March 1st, I will request him to write an official letter to Columbia reporting the nomination. I think that there are really supposed to be several nominations, but from my talk with Dr. Goodrich this morning I take it that Teng is very acceptable and would go through. If necessary Yen could be considered an additional nomination, with no doubt but that Teng would be chosen on this end. I imagine Dr. Hummel will be asked for his recommendation too.

All this is on the supposition that you are not making other nominations. If you are, and wish to include Teng among them, would you cable (include in any cable to the office) "Teng authorized second" or in whatever position among the nominees you put him.

Steve has just shown up and our ears are working hard. He reports heavy tennis balance and University deficit that we hope cancel out.

Our very best to Mrs. Galt, Sher and yourself.

Ever,

R C Fairer

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99 Claremont Ave.
New York, N.Y.
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Dear Dr. Carside,

Dr. Galt has just written me, and may have written you at the same time, that Yen-ching wants to nominate Hsia Yun for the Columbia Fellowship. I am writing Carrington Goodrich, and want to help in any way I can to push him through. He has been a close colleague of mine in Psychology ever since he graduated from Yen-ching in '28, and has done very good work. A year abroad would freshen his morale a lot. I don't know anything about his credentials- it is certainly pretty late.

Sincerely yours,

R.C. Seiler
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219 Walnut St.
Englewood, N.J.
June 20.

Dr. P. A. Perside,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. Perside:

A year ago Mrs. Seiler and I agreed with Dr.
Stuart to give \$250 at this time toward the expenses of Mr.
Ching-lien Han, now at University of Minnesota, it being under-
stood that the source be not known to him. This has just come
in the form of travel refund, and I enclose a check for the
amount.

Please do not trouble to acknowledge.

Sincerely,

R. C. Seiler
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150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 23, 1938

Dr. R. C. Sailer
219 Walnut Street
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

First of all, I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 20th enclosing check for \$250.00 which we have cashed and issued a Yenching check for the same amount. We have forwarded this to Mr. Ching-lien Han with the information that it is a donation from a very much interested Yenching friend.

I have just received a reply from the Narragansett Machine Co. covering the price of ropes at \$14.00 net, and the #540 lunge strap is \$9.10 net. These prices include delivery to New York, packed for foreign shipment - approximate weight being thirty pounds.

If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

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October 20, 1941

Dear Mrs. Sailer:

I need a little help again, and am turning to you! Mrs. Garside - you of course know Mr. Garside, who is our Executive Director, now temporarily working with the United China Relief - is head of an organization connected with the Riverside Church, and wants the names of as many Chinese girl students in New York as possible, for the purpose of inviting them to come to "Coffee Hours" which are held at the Church the first Friday evening of each month. The girls need not necessarily be Christians, as all students are invited to come, but the idea is that last year not a single Chinese girl came to these meetings which were apparently well enjoyed by the European students, and by the Chinese men students. Mrs. Garside tells me that Americans who attend these Coffee Hours are asked to invite the Chinese girls - and of course the other students as well - to their homes, various affairs beside the Coffee Hours are planned during the year to give them the feeling of friendship on the part of Americans, etc.

I wonder if you can report to Mrs. Garside (635 Riverside Drive, Telephone Ed-4-9684) the names and addresses of any you know of? I am giving her a list of the few I know of, but I have not yet had a list of the Yenching students here this year, so my list will not be very complete. It won't hurt anyway, if we duplicate a few, as she will be able to make up her own list out of the information we all send her.

Mrs. Garside says the time is from 7.30 on, and if the students have classes for the evening, they can drop in after class, or can come for a little while and then leave. On some evenings entertainment is provided; on other evenings, it will be just a social affair, providing light refreshments and conversation.

It was nice to have Miss Hague here for the few days. I wish she might have had more time. I have a letter from her this morning, written just as she was nearing San Francisco last Wednesday. I hope her boat left on time, but I have not heard about it yet.

I hope you are all settled comfortably in your new place here in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. C. Sailer
99 Claremont Avenue, New York City

Elvena Van Sciver

99 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Oct. 21, 1941.

Dear Miss Van Seiver -

Thank you for your note. I have
just written Mrs. Gossard giving the
names and addresses of five Chinese
girls I happen to know - and perhaps
this will be able to furnish the addresses
of others. It is a fine opportunity for
the girls to get together with Americans
who are friendly and who can
help them get acquainted with
life here.

I, too, would like to see Miss Hager.

get off. I had a letter today from Louis
Porter (he forgot to sign it, but I recognized
him by his references!) mailed from
Mexico - so he got that far anyway.

One of these days I must drop
in on you for information as I am
speaking on Chinese students at a
Chinese - group meeting early in November
and must be up on the latest.

Yours very warmly,
Louis Porter.

One of my friends here had a letter
from Gene Boynton, mailed in Mexico.
L.S.

99 Concord Ave.

Woolfolk Vt.

Oct. 31, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Kate Seiver.-

I shall be very glad to help with the
films with Mr. McBrine, next Thursday or
Friday. I have a class on Thursday at 2-

and so would wish on that day to do the
premises in the morning. Friday I have no
class till evening, but I am pretty busy
and may think on my reading, as much
like to spend as little time as possible,
making sure, however, that the job was well
done. Because of this pressure of time
I think I'd better decline, with many

Thanks. Mr. McBride's invitation to lunch.

If convenient for Mr. McBride, emphasize
for our Thursday, the 6th, as the day, and
let him decide the time in the morning
that is most convenient for him. I would
be down at the office by 9:30 - chapel
is till 8:50 and I like to attend that.

Then when Thursday comes I could call
you just before I leave to see Mr.
McBride is well enough to go through
with the exercises that day. I do want to
be back here by 2 - and must leave
a few minutes for lunch.

I am speaking next Wednesday

at. Ingham on the subject "Young China"

"Save the Future". I want to talk especially

about college students and the way they

are carrying on in the face of all sorts
of difficulties and the contribution they are

making to industry, government, etc. etc.

Have you any especially good material on

the China colleges? I have the little

pamphlet "From Strength to Strength" which

is very good. Any thing else? I'd so ap-

preciate anything you may be able to

send me. As if you have things from

look at that Shuman's & Tabor from

the office, will you let me know about

them? Many thanks.

It would be about Tom McBride's
feeling about Thursday. If he prefers
Friday, that is all right. And if you feel
that it would make things easier all around
for me to have lunch with him either
"before or after", I'll arrange that. To. I just
don't want to spend too much time. As
use your judgment. Yours very sincerely

Donna Linder

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November 24, 1941

Dear Mrs. Sailer:

Again I'm appealing for help! I've called you a couple of times today, but when I did not reach you, I decided to send you a note to state my present needs. Also, I believe Mr. Ramseur, one of the Associated Boards staff, expects to get in touch with you, but on another matter from my own question. He is preparing another issue of the "Yenching News" and I told him he might get some information from you about Yenching that would help him. On the other hand, he may find he has enough material on hand without bothering you.

My own worry right now is to supply Mrs. Moore with material from which she can prepare her next pamphlet about Wellesley-Yenching. She has in mind for this time telling about the great accomplishments of some of the graduates of Yenching - young women working with the government, with any of the rural sociology projects, rehabilitation work, nursery schools, - sort of tying in Yenching work with relief work is what she is after, thinking this might appeal to the Wellesley alumnae group. I have been told that one Yenching graduate - and I think she is Miss Ho Hui-chiang, who graduated either in 1931 or 1932 - is working with Mme. Chiang's war orphans. This is the kind of thing she wants to use - these young women were educated at Yenching, and now they are doing thus and so to help their own country, and gifts from Wellesley women help in this way, etc etc.

I wonder if you could give me any information of this kind about some of the Yenching girls who have gone on from Yenching to do some really outstanding work in China? Mrs. Moore is not certain whether she wants to use actual names, or whether she just wants to state facts, but she does want of course to state only true facts. I enclose three pictures from one of the China Relief booklets, showing the sort of thing Mrs. Moore has in mind. Are any of the Yenching graduates doing similar work? She thought we could even use the pictures shown for our own booklet, but would want to say that a young woman from Yenching is doing similar work, or something like that. And -- if you could produce any real pictures of Yenching girls doing off-campus work that was outstanding, we would be simply delighted. Or if you know of anyone who has such pictures in this country?

This information is not needed at the moment, but Mrs. Moore will start writing her text quite soon and we are beginning to search for news for her to use, so if you have anything you can send to us, it will be a big help.

Hope I'm not calling on you too much, but I do appreciate your help.
Sincerely yours,

99 CLAREMONT AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Nov. 25, 1941.

Dear Miss Kate Sears. -

I wish I could help you out on your last
request, for material for Mrs. Moore. but I'm afraid
I can't. Until 1938, I had no contact with students,
as a teacher. - only through Mr. Seiler's classes - and
names and facts about him just didn't stick.
Mr. Seiler would have just had to keep you
out of this - I'm afraid I can't. I'll about
trying Peter Mann, 130 Monmouth St. :
He and Mrs. Mann have many student
contacts and I'm sure he could help out.
Mrs. Molyneux, too, might be able to, though
she, alas, has the handicap of not knowing.

The nine act as ~~hostesses~~ but Chris put as
well acquainted with individuals and ~~their~~
gone on, as are my husbands.

I think Miss P'u Sheng Kung, Yenia-
Semming, would be an excellent one to see:
She is a Y. H. C. A. secretary in Shanghai, has
been in Red China, her sister is in the Com-
munist group - they are both prominent
Yenching alumnae and are in touch with
all sort of people from Yenching. She would
have a good many stamps. See also:
Alec Shu-I Chang, Chinese of all nations,
who is at the School of Social Work, and
is a Y. H. C. A. industrial worker - She is
a Yenching grad. and knows many of

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

them in real China. But I'm having a very
better, I think - under contract. I'd see
him myself - but think first-hand contact
would be better.

Since I saw Mr. McRae, one matter
has been on my conscience. One building
or rather "Physics-Biology". I'm sure
the Physics - but is Biology in with
Physics or with Chemistry? Did you look
this up and if you find that the latter
is true, will you tell Mr. McRae to
change the caption from "Physics-Bi-

Why Building "to" "Rheprie Building"!
Tommy Thanks.

I hope you had a pleasant vacation
and are all set for the stretch of the year.

Love sincerely, yours,

Lois Larkin.

99 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 11, 1942.

Mrs. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Evans:-

In January I was with the New York
Office of the American Red Cross a cablegram
to my husband at Yenching University, Peking.
They accepted the cable, telling me that
they had not been able to get through to
occupied China but that they were hopeful
that they would eventually reach it; and
they said they would send me the bill

When they succeeded in sending the cable.

The bill came on April 8th.

This morning I received the following.

Also from the West York Chapter of the American
Red Cross, dated May 9th:

Mrs. Randolph C. Sailer
99 University Ave. Apt. 512
West York City.

Re: Randolph C. Sailer

My dear Madame:

Our National Headquarters advise us
that they have received the following cable
to you from the International Red Cross
Committee from the above-named person:

"SAILER WESTERNERS FINE NOTIFY
FAMILIES LONGING REUNION RANDOLPH"

99 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

The Red Cross is glad to forward this message
to you. A statement of costs will be rendered
for the upper cable as soon as the charges are
imported. Very truly yours,

Robert C. Harris

Executive Director.

I want that you know this right
away, not only because it reassures me
again that the Yenching prisoners are
safe and well, but because the cable
asks that families be notified. I
am writing to the Presbyterian Board

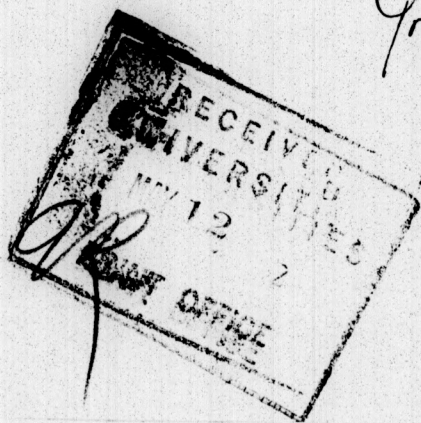
(Dr. Rutland) asking him to get in touch
with other boards that have representatives
there, and telling him that I am staying
in you. You may want to let your
people know.

I feel that it was my the fact
that I called first, through the Red Cross,
that enabled my husband to come.

Yours

Yours very sincerely,

Louise S. Sailer



BANCROFT HALL
509 WEST 121ST STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 23, 1943.

Dear Miss Tom Sikes:

You have been so good about forwarding China letters that come to the Yenching office for me and I do appreciate it. I wish I might "pay you back" with some of the last Yenching but fear I just can't as the incoming letters tell so little.

I had an letter from my husband yesterday via Paul Abbott, our missionary

representation in full China. Life for
those in Peking, when he left, November
16th, was quite normal except for the
constant suspense brought about by the
expectation of repatriation news. He said
the Japanese were leaving the choice of
those homes on the next train, up to
the missions, etc. concerned, and that
it had been decided to consider the
Chinese people as belonging to the
Emigrants rather than to their repatriation
missions.

He also told a very sad story of

BANCROFT HALL
509 WEST 121ST STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear - The death of Mr. Howard Payne,
our British treasurer in Stephen Fair's
case continued on with you. I write: "As you have probably
heard, Mr. Payne died in Shanghai on
the 3rd of this month, after weeks of des-
perate struggle with complications from
an appendix operation. If only they had
been left Peking it might have been
quite all right. For Mrs. Payne feels
that the case at first was not ad-
vised. She was much more hopeful
than she is right up to the end, and is

terribly shocked. So, as said.

and Mrs.
You remember Mr. Payne went
over to Shanghai to catch the British
repatriation ship and through some sort of
bad management were up behind
along with a lot of others in the same pre-
dicament. Conditions in Shanghai for
such many thousands were pretty bad -
crowded, etc.

Now, in writing, a request. Could you
send me another copy of Dr. Shi-ching's
letter? I loaned my original, and gave
the one you sent to a friend of hers
from Canton. I want to use it in a
"speech." Sincerely yours, Louis Laidler.

April 24, 1943

Mrs. Randolph Sailer
Baneroff Hall
509 West 121st Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sailer:

Your letter of April 23rd addressed to Miss Van Seiver came to hand but she is no longer with us, having resigned last week.

I am shocked to hear of the news of Howard Payne's death. I knew that the Paynes had gone to Shanghai, but did not know of his illness. I am sorry that this has happened.

We are greatly concerned ourselves regarding the repatriation prospects and hope that the day will not be far distant when this can be accomplished.

As requested, we are enclosing another copy of Lu Hui-ching's letter.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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1220 Alton Place, N.W.
Washington 16, D.C.
Feb. 14, 1944.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:

✓ Enclosed is a check for
the \$200 that I owe Yenching for two
L.C. \$500 salaries received in Peking. I
think that this clears my account with
Yenching entirely. With the other mission
people you will probably charge the Board
instead of the individual, but I have
finished my account with the Board and want
to pay this directly.

I have had a week of work here with
the OWI, and find it most interesting. I
think Mary Hutchinson is the only other
Yenching Gripsholmer to be here yet, but
others will be coming.

Very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

R. C. Sailer
R.C. Sailer

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February 15, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
4220 Alton Place, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

I am acknowledging your letter of February 14th enclosing check for \$200.00. It never occurred to me that you would have any part in making this adjustment. I was holding up the approach to Mission Boards until after Miss Cookingham returned from her trip west and let her handle the whole situation. It is too involved a picture for anyone in the office at the present time to work on and I would think that it would be best for someone from the field to have a hand in it. My interpretation would be that the figures you quote are correct.

I am greatly interested to hear of your work with the OWI. There is so much publicity about this organization, however, that I shall not be surprised if one of these days I should see the name of "Sailer" emblazoned in headlines. You had better watch your step. If what I have been hearing from various sources is true Shirley Duncan will join the group soon.

Enclosed find a letter which came to hand last Friday from Y. P. Mei. He has written letters to all of the members of the Yenching staff, whom he thinks might be available, inviting them to return to China to carry on at Chengtu. He has not given much thought to the process in travel and costs involved, as well as the maintenance in China, but as it stands at the present time none of the people can go out for some time to come.

I presume you will be writing to Dr. Mei, and if so we will be glad to enclose your letter with our China mail, if you so desire.

With many, many thanks, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 10, 1944

Dr. Randolph Sailer
4220 Alton Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

The following cable received from William Fenn this morning:

"PLEASE INFORM SAILER SPEER CHENG TU ESSENTIAL LINK YENCHING HISTORY
MEIYIPAO BADLY NEEDS SUPPORT GUIDANCE STRONGLY URGE BOTH COME."

It is our thought that before giving favorable consideration to such a proposition that you should have a good furlough.

We have also sent a copy of this cable to Miss Speer.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
4220 Alton Place, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

Several things are in mind--the first being the following cable which came to hand this morning from Y. P. Mei:

"MINIMUM NEED IN CHENG TU SPEER AND SAILER ALSO BORING IF NECESSARY
SUPPORT AVAILABLE ALL OTHERS WELCOME -- MEIYIPAO."

I have written to Miss Speer and hope to see her within a day or two to formulate some reply to these requests which are floating through from Chengtu. I have done some investigating about Miss Boring and as they stipulate the money must be outside of the budget, the only other recourse is by board support or special gifts. We cannot get it from the latter source as we are bound by agreement not to ask for funds of this nature. The only Mission Board approachable is the Methodist and they are so far behind on the University of Nanking and West China Union University personnel that they will not consider taking on Miss Boring.

Another question is regarding the possible use of Dr. H. P. Lair of Cheeloo University who is now in New York. It was his intention to return to Chengtu to take up the treasureship work. Conditions have now developed where it will not be possible for him to do it at least for a year and he is looking for a place where he can best serve China. Lair is a colleague of yours in that he was supported by the Presbyterian Board at Cheeloo, and if you wish detailed information I shall be glad to send it on.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 30, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
3735 Appleton Street, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th.

I had lunch with Dr. Lair this noon and we have taken some steps toward securing a position for him, which we hope will work out satisfactorily. Possibly you will hear more about this in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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3735 Appleton St., N.W.
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Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter, and
also for sending me Bill Fenn's cable previously.

While I would like very much to return to
Yenching in September, I don't want to make any
commitment at this time, for family reasons. I
hope to see Margaret Speer when she visits
Washington next week, and perhaps that will help
clear our minds a little.

I should think that Dr. Lair would have very
little difficulty in finding a position in
Washington that would use his China experience,
if he would want to be here. I will keep an eye
out for definite suggestions, but I am kept so
close to my work that I do not get around much.

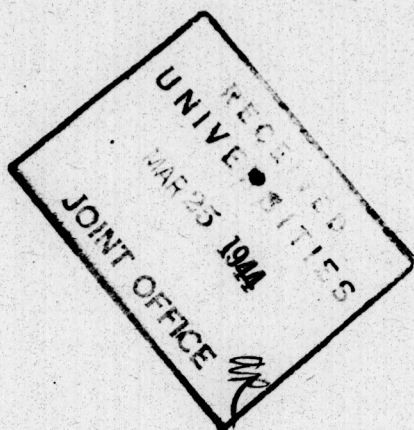
Very best wishes to you.

Most sincerely,

Randolph C. Sailer

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer

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April 18, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
2311 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sailer:-

At the request of Miss Priest, I am enclosing
check for \$400 being sent to you by Dr. Y. P. Mei. Miss
Priest states that Dr. Mei has written directly to you
concerning this payment.

With sincerest personal regards, I am.

Very truly yours,

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3735 APPLETON STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 16, D. C.
TELEPHONE: WOODLEY 3564

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Dear Earl,

There's nothing like hitting you while you're fresh. I understand you come on tomorrow, and most hearty best wishes to you in the job. So delighted to have you there.

back to
Yenching

I want to be with the boys some in September, before they go back to school, and I have to have a final dentist session around then to. Whether I should go any time after that isn't quite clear from the family standpoint, but it is anyway a definite possibility, if there is a job and a chance of travel. So I would be very grateful if I could be kept in touch with developments along that line.

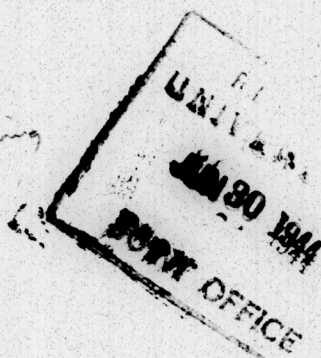
I understand that unless exchange is cut loose from the 40 to 1, preferably going to the free rate, the colleges situation is hopeless, and all but say 3 will have to close, Yenching being one to go. But that there is real help of the rate going free. Shih, pu shih, huo che or ta kai?

I spoke to Marnie once about saving magazines for our Yenching library. I thought that some of us staff members could agree to save particular ones. That may be too small a thing to do, but anyway I do hope somebody works hard on saving library material of all kinds. The Government ~~libraries~~ universities will be getting ~~from~~ ^{magazines} this Library Association business, and I am afraid the Christian institutions may be at a definite disadvantage. We ought to have a pile of stuff right ready to ship when transportation and the old cam uses open up.

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Warmest to you.

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3735 APPLETON STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 16, D. C.
TELEPHONE: WOODLEY 3564

May 10, 1944

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for Y.P. Mei's check. ✓

Would you be good enough to send the enclosed
\$25 ✓ to Ralph Lapwood ✓ please at Yenching. I under-
stand that money sent thru you can be cashed at the
open rate. If this is not so, please hold.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Salm

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May 16, 1944

Dr. Randolph Sailer
3735 Appleton Street, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sailer:

Replying to yours of the tenth enclosing check for \$25.00,
we have noted same to be sent to Ralph Lapwood at Yenching University.

We are still negotiating regarding machinery to be used in
trading on the open market. Just as soon as the procedure is established,
remittances will be made and this contribution of yours will be included.

Every letter from Yenching in Chengtu contains a reference to
the need of the presence of Dr. Randolph Sailer. I have not been doing
any urging as I know that you have the matter under careful and prayerful
consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 19, 1944

Dr. R. C. Sailer
3735 Appleton Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ran:

I have a brief letter written on April 30 by somebody who omitted to sign his or her name. The envelope, however, had your wife's name printed on it as I remember, but as the personal reference inside referred more suitably to a male writer I am jumping, I hope not unwarrantedly, to the conclusion that you were the writer.

First as to the suggestion that you may be available for return to China in the autumn. I understand the general attitude here is to encourage anyone who feels that he or she can go back. Certainly what little I have already learned about conditions out there indicate that the shortage of western personnel has become even more acute. On the other hand, there seems to be increasing difficulty about clearance of people who want to go. In fact, at the moment, this amounts almost to complete stoppage, but folks seem to be fairly confident that the situation will ease off before long.

We are becoming somewhat disturbed as well as impatient because the exchange negotiations do not move along any faster. It seemed quite clear ten days ago that great improvement was to be expected, but nothing has happened since and inquiries by cable have failed to produce any clear information from the other end.

Regarding magazines for Yenching library, Marnie is out of the office just now, and I do not know when she will be returning to New York, but I shall follow through with her or others. As a matter of fact, I understand a rather enormous pile of magazines of some sort have been accumulating against the time when they can be shipped out.

Last week, in one of the trustees' meetings, reference was made to the possibility of accumulating some of the books, not so much the technical ones as those of less permanent value which would naturally find their way into the China college libraries in normal times but might be completely overlooked in these years, thus creating a big gap. Something was done at that meeting which ought to be of help to more than the particular institution which was then considering its own problems.

As a matter of fact I did not get here until May 5, there being some hangover speaking appointments for my own Board the first days of the month. Beginning the night I arrived there were committee, board and annual meetings for a week solid -- you perhaps can imagine the dangers of

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Dr. R. C. Sailer

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May 19, 1944

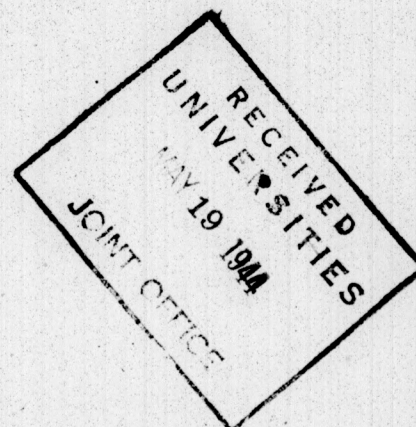
mental indigestion and spiritual vertigo which thereby threatened me. All the same it was an excellent initiation and I am now slowly and somewhat painfully studying the overall picture in more detail. -- It was pleasant to get a glimpse of your father and say hello to him yesterday noon.

We will try to keep you informed as things develop. If you come to any firm conviction in your own mind as to the autumn, we shall be glad to know it.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Sailer and yourself

Cordially yours,

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June 28, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
3735 Appleton Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Ran:

In your letter of April 30 you asked me to keep you in touch with developments along the line of people going back to China especially Yen-ching. Probably the very latest item bearing on the matter was the receipt of a radio yesterday from Y. P. Mei urging us to get in touch at once with H. H. Kung and secure his assistance in removing obstacles for the early return to the University of Miss Speer, Miss Boring and yourself. This at any rate indicates a high regard for you at that end.

Stanley Wilson has been here the better part of a week. His stay in New York was interrupted by a brief visit at Wellesley where they gave him an honorary D.Sc. It is only fair that you should have his slant on the whole business: He thinks that you and Miss Speer are too valuable for the service you can render after the war is over and Yen-ching goes back to its old campus-- or to whatever is left of it -- to risk sending you out into all the hazards of life as they are now found in West China, which would probably necessitate an extended rest if not actually a health furlough as soon as the war is over.

I think the general attitude around here is that those who want to go, and feel that they can arrange to go without making it too difficult for the folks they leave behind them, should be encouraged to go. Searle Bates and Claude Thomson are hoping to get away before the end of the summer for Nanking University. Of course they have been here a good long time and are not to be taken an example for folks who came on the last Gripsholm to follow. Bill Leete is talking about going back at the end of the year; his friends, including his daughter Wynona who is now living with him, are by no means sure that his health will permit it. You may have heard that Roland Cross after a very busy and helpful year of service moving around over vast areas, has been ordered by three doctors to go home as soon as possible. The diagnosis is not clear, but it may be sprue. You probably knew Mary McClure of our Fenchow station. Word came last week that she had died, presumably just after reaching Kunning although we do not know for sure, as a result of complications following cholera. Mabel Nowlin says on hearing the word about Roland that anybody who

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Dr. Randolph C. Sailer

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June 28, 1944

goes out there ought to be 150% perfect health. Arthur Young is reported as having told responsible people that conditions are growing worse so rapidly, financially and otherwise, that he would not encourage any missionaries to go back. He is also reported to be a chronic pessimist.

From the above you can see that the writer is by no means convinced about what anybody should do, but all of what I have written seems to be part of the "developments". We are certainly having difficulty in filling vacancies, especially one on the English faculty of the University of Nanking. It looks to me as if the missionary staffs of all our colleges are going to be steadily drained away by furloughs, regular and health, and even by deaths, much faster than can be replenished. We thought, for instance, that some of the people who were recently evacuated from Fukien University at Shaowu might be available for the Chengtu group of colleges, but only this afternoon I learned that the majority of those folks, if they can get away at all are headed for America rather than Szechwan.

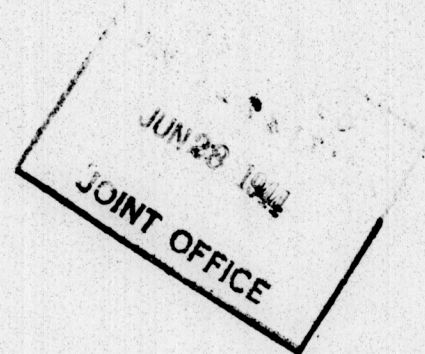
I understand Miss Speer has just been down at Washington again. You may have seen and talked with her so that much of what I have written will not be new. It may be that when we have our talks with Dr. Kung he will have real as well as official encouragement to give us -- that remains to be seen.

With best wishes to you both, I remain

Cordially yours,

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Dictated: 6/27/44



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ANS'D 7/5
June 28, 1944.

Dear Earle,

In case I forget to sign this, my name is Ran Sailer. Thanks a lot for your letter that just came. I was just about to write you that with the greatest reluctance I have decided that I ought to stick around this country for this year. I am writing Y.P. to that effect. I hope to go back in July to be on hand for fall semester of '45, but I suppose no definite plans can be made that far ahead these days.

I am leaving here early in August, to have some vacation with the boys and Louise and then do some studying getting ready to teach psychology for Frank Hutchins at Berea from November 1st to the end of June. Berea appeals to me as much as any place in America, so I feel lucky as far as that goes. I think that will prepare me as well as anything to get into psy again at Yenching, where my heart certainly is.

Most grateful for all you wrote. Good for S.D. That is very nice indeed. Herewith a little check for 7 eggs or one blackboard eraser for Yenching.

Most sincerely,

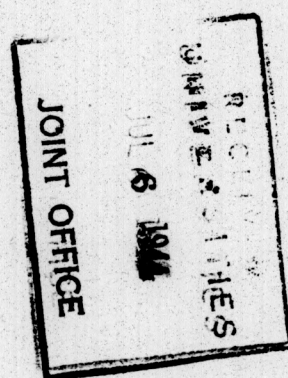
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Photo. Russell
I had a letter from Mary Katherine Russell of Cheeloc,
yesterday, in answer to an inquiry I made months ago
for advice on ~~film~~ strip material. She kept saying that
she could be of real help only if she could get back to
China, and wanted OWI to help get her passport, the only
hitch. Is there any special reason why she is held up
when Marnie could go? Is there the slightest reason for
thinking that a letter from us, if it were possible to
give it, would have any effect at all?

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July 6, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
3735 Appleton Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D.C.

Dear Ran:

Enclosed is the official receipt for your contribution to Yenching which was gratefully received. I really think it will go farther than you seem to expect. We learned only Saturday that the sales during the first month of the new exchange arrangement were at a rate just over 100 which, taking other sales during the month at the regular rate before the new one became effective will yet give an average much better than 60% higher than what we had been getting. None of this, however, is for wide-spread publicity, quite the contrary.

Yenching will be disappointed not to have you back on the campus this autumn but I doubt if they are greatly surprised. Not many people who came home on the Gripsholm last December will be getting back to China as early as this autumn. Your year at Berea ought to be very helpful both to them and to you.

I do not believe there is a great deal of difference between Miss Russell's chance of getting back to China and what would be Miss Speer's if she eventually decides to make plans in that direction this autumn. Certainly we do not know now, nor have we ever known, that she will be given the necessary passport. Nor do we have any reason to think that anything the O.W.I. can do will make it easier. The only explanation which occurs to people here is that for some reason the Methodist people responsible have not pressed matters so successfully as have the representatives of some of the other Boards. This may have resulted in their getting the impression that doors are open to some people when they are not to others. According to what I can learn applications are treated on their merits by Mrs. Shipley, but a good deal does depend on the persistence of those who direct the application. No one, so far as I know, has ever guaranteed that Marnie could go, or has suggested that such a guarantee could be secured at any point on the way. She, by the way, when she left here late last week was still very much undecided about next year.

With best regards to you both, I remain

Cordially yours,

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July 14, 1944.

Dr. Earle H. Ballou
Associated Christian Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Earle,

Thanks a lot for your last letter. Its no use, here I am again.

Our San Francisco office has been looking for some more Chinese staff. There is a Mr. Chang Long-Yien whom we are sounding out and whom we would very much like to have an opinion on from someone we could trust. He graduated some years ago from Nanking University and has taught there a year or so since. Perhaps Mrs. Mills would remember him, or you may have someone else around the office who could be asked without too much trouble. I would be very grateful indeed for anything I could get on him.

There are two types of job open; one is rather dull night-work, translating and voicing in either Cantonese or Mandarin; one man or woman wanted for each. The salary would be 2600. The other would involve original script writing combined with translation and if possible with some voicing also. The salary would be the same, except for an unusual candidate who might receive 3200. The China section head is an exceedingly good man to work with, but general conditions in the San Francisco office and in the city are not too good for Chinese, and anyone who is too touchy might not work out very well.

If you could find out anything about Mr. Chang it would be fine. Do you happen to have anyone else in mind whom you could suggest? We don't want to advertise the position, and certainly don't want to make the work sound better than it is with the possibility of disappointment. On the other hand, we do want a person. According to himself, Mr. Chang speaks about four languages and four Chinese dialects. This is carrying it a little too far. It probably means that he would not consider the first type of job mentioned above.



Thanks a lot for your advice on Mary Katherine Russell. I am telling her to raise Cain.

Sincerely yours,

Randolph Sailer
Randolph Sailer
China Regional Specialist.

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July 20, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
China Regional Specialist
Office of War Information
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ran:

I am sorry that nobody around here is able to supply any information about Mr. Chang Long-Yien. Mrs. Mills knows nothing of such a gentleman. Searle Bates has just been in town and he dimly remembers a fellow with that name or at any rate a Mr. Chang Lung-yen ("dragon severe") which he suspects is the authentic Mandarin for Long-yien. Bates says may be more will occur to him on further thought but the first response was practically negative. Bates also may be able to think of others who could supply you with information if you care to write him at -- 336 Canner Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

At the moment there seem to be no Chinese applicants around here for the kind of job you suggest, or for any other. Perhaps it is the dull season or perhaps few have thus far surmised that there is a "Mu shih" in a position to direct folks to lucrative jobs. In the good old days of Peiping the situation was reversed: a plethora of applicants and a paucity of jobs.

Wishing you success in finding someone who, I suppose, would be more or less associated with Alice Huggins and Mrs. E. K. Smith (Dorothea's wedding last week to Lieutenant Gabel, a far superior person to the gentleman who squired her so continuously on the Gripsholm, was a delightful little party out at Carrington's home), I remain

Sincerely yours,

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SAG HARBOR, NEW YORK

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Dear Earle,

This is a ku'ai ku'ai ti request. Have just heard from Katherine Kao, Yenching '33 or '34 (or was it '35?) graduate in Psy. who hopes very much for a grant from the Field Foundation, Mr. Maxwell Hahn, 250 Park Ave., New York. They need a recommendation from an office, which Yenching was unwilling to give without knowing something about the person involved, naturally. Perhaps Mr. Evans handled the correspondence. Decision is to be made by Sept. 1, so I'd be most grateful if you'd be willing to take my earnest word for her and recommend her.

She is a very fine girl, lacks brilliant intellect, but splendid in every other way, and I'll count on her to do really effective service. Has always shown the best spirit in everything. R.S. Lyman liked her a lot, and took her in for special training with him in P.U.M.C., and got her to this country to Luke, where she is finishing her PhD. I've written all this and more to Mr. Hahn, so I think your letter could be just a formal endorsement of her from the Univ. I'm sure Marnie would back her, who I have seen much more of her.

Thanks an awful lot. Sorry to miss you when I dropped in. Will try again.

Haste,

Rm Sailer

BALLOU
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Dear Earle,

K'ao

Re my letter of last night, perhaps the Foundation wants to know whether candidate will be employed by University concerned. I'm sure Yenching would want Kao Chun Ch'un if she did not feel she would serve better some place else - as psychological advisor to students she would be invaluable. But I doubt whether any definite commitments are being made on either side these days.

Rm Sailer

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August 30, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
Sag Harbor, New York

Dear Ran:

Your ku'ai ku'ai ti request has been received and your ku'ai Ku'ai ti hsin is about to be dispatched to Mr. Hahn. I hope it helps to produce the desired effect.

You would have enjoyed the Yenching Alumni Association dinner night before last, in honor of His Excellency Dr. H. H. K-etc. etc. There were about forty of us present, including a visible sprinkling of people with light hair and big noses, but those chiefly concerned predominated. If the price had been nearer ordinary pocket-books and more remote from the elevated position of the guest of honor, the attendance would undoubtedly have been greater. However, it was a nice party. The unusual feature was the inclusion of the trustees in the invitation. Three of them sat at the head table, Messrs. Davis, McBrier and North, each of whom was called upon to speak and said something worth while. People like Alice Boring and Augusta Wagner felt strongly that it was an excellent thing to acquaint the alumni present with the deep interest shown and great amount of effort at one time or another expended by these gentlemen on behalf of the university. Kung himself made the best speech I have yet heard him give--and I have had to listen to several--with a note of earnestness and religious feeling which was marked. At one point he asked all to stand for a minute of silent prayer for Dr. Stuart and our other colleagues still under Japanese control.

The most auspicious opening of your work at Berea. Marnie Speer is already on the job at Shipley, and says she hopes to know nearly as much about some of the school's customs by the time it opens as the students do.

With kindest regards to both of you,

Very sincerely yours,

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BALLOU

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219 Walnut St. Enslwood, N.J., Sept. 9

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Mr. Earle Ballou,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Earle:

Have just received the letter from Ralph Harwood that I dreaded, giving the list I asked him for of things for me to take out. It didn't amount to much, but I'd better quote to you, in case you find any possible way to send, or charter a super-fortress or anything.

- "Ch'en Shang Yi's list for Physics, in order of preference is
1. Universal Meter measuring a.c., d.c. voltages, currents and resistance.
 2. Mercury Arc, run by 110-220 a.c. (two needed)
 3. Pyrometric ribbon, for heating purposes, 5 amperes, 100 feet.
 4. Hardy and Ferrin- Principles of Optics, one copy.

* "For Chemistry and Biology you will find lists in the New York Office and in the hands of Stanley Wilson. We hoped that the articles on them might have been sent out earlier but a long time has elapsed without news and we take it that nothing could be done.

** "For math we need some slide rules. As many as possible up to ten.

"These can be charged to Univ. account in New York and against our budget here. Please check before purchasing that none of this has been sent previously."

He goes on:

"Now for a little news. The term is nearly over (This is dated June 13, but an addition of July 19th added) (scuse me. Additions are usually added.) and has run with remarkable smoothness. The students have been working very hard at their books, and the 12 Christian Fellowship Groups thrive with amazing vitality. In general the faculty is in good spirit, and growing far too proud for easy relations with neighboring Universities- owing to the fact that Yenching teachers and students have made very good showing.

"We face cuts to balance the budget next year- so foolish and unnecessary, if only the govt would adopt a decent monetary policy. But whatever cuts we have to make, I think they will be achieved straightforwardly and the University will not suffer very much.

"I am told that most of our graduates are going into work directly connected with the war. Hope it is true. Undoubtedly a group of our best students will land where there is real work to do. Most who went out as interpreters are doing well and keen on the job.

"Cheng Lin Chuang won first prize for an essay on Postwar China... (Other faculty are writing articles. Robert Chao's arrival on visit, not on their budget.) Robert reported that Leighton is not getting as much money as he might, and that if Yenching made an arrangement with the Swiss Govt for him thru Washington similar to that made for Houghton by the Rockefeller he could be much better placed financially. But he reported that Leighton was in good health and spirits, and that Dora DeV was sending in food regularly to him."

Undoubtedly you have known this last, and have taken whatever steps could be taken. I'll try to drop in to say hello before we leave for Berea on the 19th.

Many thanks for your letter, and for writing about Miss Kao. She got the grant, tho I think the decision was made before our letters got in.

Very best,

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21, Walnut St.
Englewood, N.J.
Sept. 15, 1944.

Dear Mary:

Here's a check for Ralph's 1944 premium. Please enter in books as anonymous, and I'd be grateful if you'd write him, when you do,

"We have found that it is possible for your 1944 Sun premium to be paid out of special funds not available for other University purposes, so please drop it from your mind."

or equivalent wording. To say it is covered by an "anonymous gift" would certainly point to some villain. If Y.P. hears of it, as I don't suppose he will, it could be explained to him. Perhaps might warn Ralph that his is a peculiar situation, and such funds are not on hand for other cases that might seem similar, and that it would be just as well if he didn't speak of it.

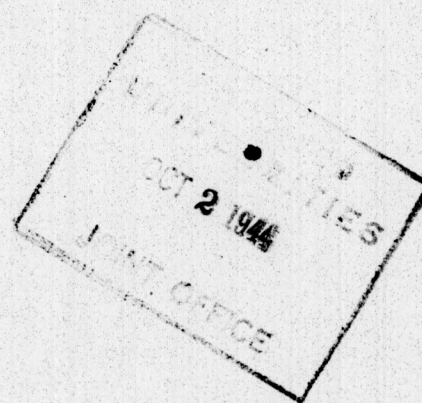
He really took leave from Yenching to pioneer in the West with the full blessing of the rest of us, and as a sort of unofficial ambassador of the Univ. it wasn't a changing of job, and was certainly the kind of experience to make him more valuable even than before. So I do hope somehow we can work out liberal arrangements for him that won't gum us otherwise.

All power to you in guerrilla warfare on finances.

Best,

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September 19, 1944

Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Ran:

The list of scientific articles which you gave in your recent letter has been checked with Mr. Cameron. Several things are on the list being assembled for Claude Thomson to take along with him, the universal meter and the pyrometric ribbon. Others are being searched for by the people who are making up a large list for Thomson. Still others, like the slide rules, are obtainable on high priority only, and then after long waiting. Whether any get into this shipment remains to be seen. Several other things may or may not get in, depending upon choices which Thomson will make. He is limited as to what goes and what doesn't. Cameron has the matter in mind and I think will do the best he can.

Thank you for the quotation from Lapwood's remarks about internal affairs at Yenching. What he says regarding faculty spirit, the vitality of the Christian Fellowship groups, and the general tone is most encouraging. Adolph and Miss Cookingham say he is a fellow of well balanced judgment, not given to undue optimism, but we here are convinced that those folks out there are all wet in their understanding of Leighton's situation and the arrangements for his welfare. Alice Boring loaned me her letter from Grace Boynton so that I could share it with Adolph, and then I checked carefully with Evans and Mary Ferguson. The excerpt from what I am writing Grace in reply, which I inclose, gives you our position in the matter, and I hope it won't sound too abrupt when it is read at that end. Dr. Louks can explain face to face and in detail just what Miss Ferguson and Forkner did to make sure that everything possible should be done to make those three men comfortable. There has never at any time been the remotest possibility, I am told, that "an arrangement with the Swiss government for him through Washington" could be made for anybody, Houghton, Stuart, or the man-in-the-moon.

Best wishes to you both as you settle in Berea.

Very sincerely yours,

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Letter from Dr. Sailer to C. Ballou

Dear Earle:

Many thanks for yours of Sept. 19th. But please don't trouble to reply to any other items from the field I may pass on to you from time to time. I lay them in your lap and don't need to know what happens, tho can't deny that I am always interested. I return the Copy re Leighton, in case someone else needs it. Very glad the thing is working as well as can be.

Today several long enclosures came from the Mayor of Claremont, and a letter from him calling attention to Ralph's desire for microfilm projectors, and raising the question of our getting some of the G.I. equipment after the war. I certainly have no suggestion on the former; for the latter can only say the following; which may very well add nothing to what you have in mind already:

(I guess almost all printed matter at present)

S.E.A. of the State Department (Science, Education and Art) is of course the outfit that is getting scientific material saved up for Chinese educational institutions now, and sending in microfilm. They ought to take an interest in getting G.I. apparatus sold off to China, or even possibly given. Mrs. John Fairbank, whom you probably knew in Peking, is as key a person as anyone there, I think. Haldore Hanson is also there, and I guess Willys Peck is the head. I think they tend to want to supply mainly, and perhaps only, government institutions, and certainly don't want to seem pro-missionary. But at the same time the present disillusion with anything Kuomintang might make them more open to helping private institutions that would have some freedom. I think that Bill Band would have special prestige with them because of his recent experiences, and a direct statement from him, not sent through Yenching channels, as to the whole situation and possibilities as he sees it, with the great desirability of strengthening private institutions against the Govt. Department of Education, might carry real weight. If Harold Loucks has not already gone, I suggest he put this up to Bill verbally, as couldn't be done by any letter that might be censored. Harold himself ought to carry weight also, tho perhaps not as much just at the moment.

As to other approaches in Washington, I'm entirely too muddy on what's what. Sidney Gamble ought to be able to get some helpful advice on it from Tom Blaisdell. Jack Robinson, a very loyal Yenching graduate, is in F.E.A., Far Eastern Division, and may know his way well enough around Washington to understand what further approach might be made.

On the field I think we ought to cultivate Mac Fisher, head of Chungking OWI, also a Yenching alumnus. I haven't seen him for years, but he used to be a real gent. George Taylor might also be asked for advice, or Owen Lattimore. I think with all these people the strong talking point is the same, that we don't want American help to China to be entirely tied up with subservience to the Kuomintang. And then we'd have to make a case that we won't be just their tools (W.P. is considered by some a tsou kou for them). Which I think we can do. Certainly the stronger we are, the better we can stand up against them. And this idea of Ralph's that Christian institutions may have more of a green light on Science should help make a case for scientific equipment.

This business of being able to send 4 pound packages to individuals, which I have just heard here, sounds too good to be true. We ought to use it to the limit. I have \$275 of Y.P.'s money being held for his orders. We could send a steady little stream of stuff. I think I'll begin with Niebuhr's 2 volumes.

Very best,

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Berea College, Berea, Ky.
October 1st, 1944.

Dear George: Taylor. O.W. Washburn.

While I hesitate to inject even a hint of side-issue into the whirl of your activities, it may be that you will have time to run through this while waiting for some admiral, or during some of the less crucial moments of a Central meeting.

To the point. A report from Ralph Inwood on Yenching Science includes the following: "Now there is in China an immense quantity of scientific equipment belonging to the US Army and Airforce. It is likely that when the war is done this will be disposed of rather carelessly. Could you find any way of getting as much suitable apparatus as possible made over to the University for physics use? Of course that lies in the future, but the idea was suggested to me by one of your airmen."

It may be that at some time you would have a suggestion for us as to how to go about this, if you would file the matter in your mind. I'm not raising the question on the ground of loyalty to "dear old Yenching," even tho I suppose there would be no definite harm if I did. I do raise it as related to our whole liberal strategy in China.

Ralph writes in another place of the great probability that private institutions will be cut off from training in education and in the social sciences, especially political science. ~~There is~~ But let me quote exactly:

"In various interviews Ministry of Education officials have suggested that Christian Universities should make science and medicine their special fields, and have indicated that the prohibition of Christian Universities from having education departments may be extended to other departments such as political science. Most Christian educators take a negative view of this, and think that Christian education should be "cultural" or "emphasizing the humanities." I prefer to take the positive view, and consider that a scientific education may also be a liberal education, and it is the job of Christian Universities to make a unique contribution in producing scientists with keen social conscience and awareness of world events, trends and questions."

That this is not just bull is guaranteed by the qualities of Ralph himself and of Bill Band. I suppose you saw Bill in Chungking. He seems to be very keen to get back to teaching and to think there are great possibilities there.

It seems to me quite conceivable then that a very definite force for liberalism in China through the days ahead may prove to be the Christian colleges, if they can gather the strength to survive at all. Science is expensive, and Mr. L. P. Ch'en can inject plenty of money to government institutions if he wants to. But given fair equipment, we ought to be able to do a good enough job to hold a place.

Naturally S.E.A. will tend toward helping government institutions, and there are plenty of complications that can come out of any kind of relationship between our Government and Christian colleges. And it might seem natural for the Army at the end of the war to turn over a lot of equipment direct to the Chinese Government at very low rates. If we couldn't get in on it it would mean a terrific blow at private institutions, perhaps even a death-blow in science because of making it impossible for us to compete. It does seem legitimate for us to try to get a chance to buy such equipment at low rates, as being in line with a general American policy of enlightenment toward China.

(If this seems sensible to you & if you ever have any device to offer us or how to go about doing something, we'd be most eager to get it.)

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if this seems sensible to you, and if you ever have any advice to offer us on how to go about doing something, we'd be most eager to get it. At last we have some real leadership and pep in the New York Office, and Lerle Ballou could certainly take up the matter with skill and energy. If you think he could get anywhere by a trip to Washington to sound out, I'm sure he'd be glad to make it.

No reply expected now. But as I'm behind with the news, and you may be in Australia by now, let me just say Hello to Elaine. Very best to the t'ai t'ai and the now almost innumerable young Taylors. And many thanks for your letter of some weeks ago.

Sincerely,

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October 26, 1944

Dr. Randolph Sailer
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Ran:

Thank you for your letter of September 30 with its inclosure of what you wrote to George Taylor. Meanwhile I have seen copies of much of what the Mayor of Claremont sent on,--at any rate, two very interesting reports to him from Ralph Lapwood, one dated April 1st and the other July 13th. Stanley wrote to Miss Cookingham and she shared everything with the staff.

Now regarding the help we may be able to get from UNRRA or any other government agencies like the SEA or FEA or any other alphabetical combination, I find that the staff is pretty well agreed that it is still a bit previous to put in a bid. Their feeling is that we should have our friends on the alert and be so ourselves, ready to act when there is some real prospect of a contracting rather than an expanding program in China. Does that strike you as being too dilatory? I have written Sidney Gamble suggesting that he keep Tom Blaisdell in mind (I confess that Mr. Blaisdell is altogether an unknown quantity to me, though probably I ought to know who and what he is). Perhaps as we get indications of more traffic into China, with the opening of the road, there will be clear leading for us. But from what little we can find out right now, there does not seem to be much likelihood of anybody's having stuff to spare for some time.

Incidentally, you will be interested to know that Mr. Charles Bennett has sounded us out in an altogether preliminary way. He may have a word to say later on that may influence people in authority. He rates our contribution to China very high and feels that when the day of reconstruction comes we must not be overlooked, whoever is helping. Following our correspondence, I saw him when he was here for the reconstituted PUMC Trustees Meeting. He then said that he might never have a chance to put in a word for us, but was prepared to do so if the chance came.

It has been suggested that with the American forces using part of the WCUU hospital plant, our authorities will have a growing interest in the Chengtu setup, and this in itself should make surer our benefitting to some extent when the need for such services grows less and stops.

We are already sending stuff by mail, quite a bit of it every week. I think as soon as word begins to come back that things are getting through, the amounts will probably be increased. Some people fear there may be quite a high percentage of loss. Certainly if you sent somebody Niebuhr's two volumes they won't want any other light reading matter for two or three days anyway!

I guess this is enough for this time. I hope it doesn't sound like stalling on our part here. Every one of your suggestions as to where contacts might be made is a good one. We will try not to forget them and if we get any suggestion from you or anybody else that it is unwise to postpone positive action till a little later, we will give it due weight.

It was a pleasure to see Stanley when he was here for the PUMC Trustees. He was looking prosperous and says they have a fine bunch of students there at Pomona.

Cordially yours,

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January 27, 1945

Dr. P. C. Sailer
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Ran:

Let me answer your letter of January 17 perhaps only in part. I was out of the office the better part of two weeks with a most annoying illness and have not yet had a chance to discuss with Miss Cookingham and others some of the implications of Lapwood's letter. Maybe there will be a little more light on one or two points next week--maybe not.

I don't know what the Calcutta address or arrangement is. It was a bit exasperating for him to speak about it as he did without saying more. We have wished for a long time there was an address in India to which we could send many things, including freight. If there had not been other things more urgent I think our business department would have attempted some investigation weeks ago. Now we may be able to get what we want from Lapwood, but if he had only given a name or two in his letter!

We have been sending a few packages through to Chengtu by the parcel post arrangement which went into effect several months ago. We have not yet had any confirmation of their receipt, however, not even on airmail packages of vitamins sent to Yenching. We asked for such confirmation just as soon as possible in order to encourage us in sending more stuff that way. I do not believe we are yet justified in writing the packages off as lost, however.

On the business of getting to China this summer I guess you can pay your money and take your choice. Whether Augusta Wagner's tenuous connection (perhaps you'd better not use that adjective in quoting me to her) gives her the lowdown or not, who knows? I do know that Dr. Carl White, Librarian at Columbia, who was the first of four visiting professors the State Department was planning to send to China this year, and who was warming an alerted chair in Dr. Guy's outer office, November 17, never got any farther. He is now back here I understand, but disposed of his apartment before he went to Washington, sent his family west, and from now on, after this experience with the State Department, is going to be less free in the use of the word "statesmanship" in his public addresses--so he told Corbett. In other words, little civilian traffic seems to be moving in that direction just now. But as to next summer, who knows? You might get as far as Manila and the University of Santo Tomas in any case. I would not give up hoping or stop making plans. Y.P. is also a little exasperating in not divulging just when he plans to start for this country, much less get back to China. At any rate, nothing I have seen gives a clear picture. A letter just in yesterday, but written November 18, speaks of perhaps staying here only about five months. I am not at all sure the State Department is interested in such a brief visit. Certainly Y. G. Chen of Nanking is here for a full year.

When we have more light we will shed a beam in your direction.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Bette,

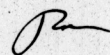
J.D. sent me a copy of Ralph Lapwood's letter to him, which speaks of their being able to get any stuff in that we can get to Calcutta. Have you any light on this? Does it mean anything that we address to Yenching by mail, or does it mean they have a Calcutta address? Do you know what it is? Have you any word as to any of our packages having gone through already?

Last week I had very discouraging letters both from Alice Boring and from Augusta Wagner on the chances of my getting back to China this summer. But a most encouraging one has just come from Wilend, and Frank Hutchins also brought back encouragement from his last trip to Washington. So I'm counting on it.

Can you give me any idea as to when Y.P. will get back? With work steady here right up to the end of June I don't think I ought to try to leave before say the first of August. I suppose there is no way of telling how long a trip would take. I won't have to arrive at any particular time, as my courses will be extras rather than necessities.

Many thanks for the Ballou card at Christmas. Glad to hear all the news. Louise joins me in warm best to you both.

Most sincerely,



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March 17, 1945

Dr. Randolph Sailer
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Sam:

I was very glad to fill in the postal card addressed to Allen giving him Christy's present whereabouts--at Parris Island. They cannot be far apart and I believe Allen's location may be the place to which our boy will next be sent if he is not sent to San Diego.

At what point is your thought about returning to China? A few days ago a cable was received from Y.P. which reads as follows:

"Autumn need desperate in order speed Sailer Boring Cochran Wilson."

Undoubtedly the person they want in so much "speed" is Speer. After that the sailing is quite clear.

You probably know how things stand with all these people. Marnie Speer, both because of the condition of her parents and the great uncertainty of any woman's being given transportation, has given up any thought of trying to get back next year and is staying on at Shipley. Miss Boring tells me that arrangements are practically completed, though not yet ready for broadcasting, for her to serve on the Mt. Holyoke faculty next year in the place of someone on leave of absence. This will enable her to refresh herself to some extent right in the field where she will teach when she goes back to China. I have not heard from Nancy Cochran for two or three months. When we talked she was also uncertain and surely nothing has happened to encourage her in thinking she can get back. Stanley Wilson was almost raring to go two months ago, but our American Board medical secretary will not approve unless very heavy pressure is brought, considering it much wiser for him to stay here until he can return to the home campus and be useful in reestablishing things there. Meanwhile I believe he has accepted a reappointment at Pomona, though I lack definite confirmation.

That disposes of everybody but you. If you want to make the attempt, and can do so with a bit of an anchor to windward should the attempt fail, all of us on both sides of 20th Street will, I am sure, do everything possible to help. Ralph White, the passport man for most everybody around here, is just back from Washington with a discouraging story. Two hundred or more people have recently come out from China and the British and American Embassies are putting as much pressure as possible on those who still hold tight. Concentration of military personnel threatens to monopolize even more of the transportation facilities. (Bill Leete, who is trying to get started back to Nanking Seminary, feels that when the fighting dies down in Europe paths to China will be even more clogged, with a year or more following when practically no one will get through--but Bill may be mistaken, as has sometimes been his case in the past.)

Ralph says that just trying to get out as a person returning from furlough is pretty sure to fail. A case must be made as an important replace-

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ment, a key person, a contributor to the war effort, a builder of morale, or some other talking points phrased to impress folks in Washington. We ought to be able to make a pretty good case for you. Aren't you going to take over a good many of Y.P.'s responsibilities when he comes here next month, for instance?

I have written pretty much on the assumption that you are desirous of getting back, such being the report here about you. What we would like to know, partly so that we can send word to Y.P., is whether you are going to start the lengthy negotiations now before very long. Carleton Lacy and Searle Bates² are still here but they still live in hopes. In fact they really do expect to get off pretty soon.

Very sincerely yours,

* Sat. A.M. the 17th: wrote this morning that

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Bates to start Monday - Travelling first
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BEREA, KENTUCKY

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Mar. 20, 1945.

Dear Earle,

Many thanks for yours of St. Patrick's Day. I definitely want to get back to China this summer if you and the Presb. Board can arrange it, and Mulend seems to be optimistic. I never thought Alice would weaken in that way, tho with her slight chances of going, as a woman, she is really quite right to sign up for so good a job.

As to my anchor to windward, it is holding here at present, but I tell Frank he must definitely sign up anyone else if he can- so far he hasn't, and wants me to let him know if I find I really can't get back, even if not till August 1st. Frank tells me just this morning that a letter just in from Bishop Gilman says the policy on evacuation seems to have changed out there, for the better.

As to the talking points for me, your talking ability is excelled by none, and if you will just call off your conscience you can do a wonderful job. To begin with, I suggest using the cable in its original form, keeping "Speed" rather than "Speer". It is really quite impressive that way. Railing that, you can argue that since Speer is not going, it is all the more urgent for me to

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go, which after all makes me more important than
Speer anyway. Say that fast after you have passed
out a 3-cent cigar.

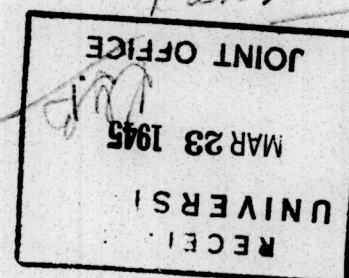
I do hope you can get out of Grace what
Ralph meant by their being able to get anything
in that we get to India. I sent \$70 worth of
vitamins by mail, but have very little hope of
their getting thru, without prohibitive duty.
Please pass on any light- Grace won't be up to
writing many people.

August 1st seems about the earliest I can
get off, since I'm tied here till the end of June.

Our oldest, George, is starting basic at
Camp Blanding in Florida, and is being assigned
China duty. They show keen interest in China back-
ground, understanding of the people even more than
language. Apparently they are pre-empting things
on the latter.

Very best to to Charlie Corbett and Mary the
Cookie. Glad to hear about Christy.

Yours,



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April 9, 1945

Dr. R. C. Sailer
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Ran:

By waiting long enough I can answer two letters at once, that of March 20 as well as the one of April 5.

First, as to what steps are to be taken to overcome the obstacles between you and the gangplank, Mr. Evans tells me definitely that you cannot start to do anything until you are at the end of your teaching for this year. This, as I understand it, is because once you put in your name you may, theoretically, be granted your passport the next day and must be ready to jump. When I can remember to do so I will check with the people across the street to see if they have any different dope. Ralph White is helping that end of the business, and people seem to think he knows about all the tricks there are to the game.

Now about vitamins, Dr. Dodd tells me that he has recently written you the whole story and that you now have enough information to govern all your planning in that direction. I will only add that we did send, last autumn, in three successive months, a lot of vitamin capsules. We know that some vitamins got through to Yenching, but we are not sure whether they were from these lots or in some taken by Mr. Wallace. I will try to remember to ask Grace Boynton about it. These were sent by airmail from India, and the cost worked out to about \$16.00 postage for a thousand capsules - just a bit high, but even so probably worth it.

The packages which we have sent by parcel post, 54 in number, have not yet been reported as having arrived, but we are not yet discouraged. This matter was discussed the other day in UCR, and the majority of the agency representatives, and Dwight Edwards too, felt that it really was too soon to expect things to have got through by that method.

I had a good visit with Grace Boynton on the afternoon of Good Friday, but have heard nothing since and am writing today to inquire. She was then in bed at her brother's and was expecting to be taken to an institution for prolonged observation. I am sure her brother, on the strength of partial diagnosis by the doctor in charge, is not alarmed at her condition, nor is our American Board medical secretary, on the basis of what has been written him about her case. She was permitted to talk with (to) me for nearly an hour and was in high spirits. Many things were left undiscussed, and just what Lapwood meant by his remark was one of them. We do know that there is a place at Calcutta operated by a CIM man, where transshipments can now be made. Whether this is the arrangement to which Lapwood referred or not I do not know. We also had from Dr. Needham directions as to how scientific material can be gotten into China fairly easily if it is for research.

My vacation plans will probably hinge a good deal upon when our boy Bob gets his furlough. He is studying navigation down in Texas and will probably not finish until after the middle of July. As we have not seen him since a year ago February we hope to have part of his furlough together in Vermont. I think I am likely to be around here before you go - I will make a point of it

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if necessary. Dwight Edwards leaves tomorrow or the next day, I understand.
Walline was hoping to start before the end of this month the last I heard.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 1, 1950

A LETTER FROM MRS. SAILER - YENCHING UNIVERSITY

A visitor to the Yenching campus during these lovely spring days would find it as beautiful as ever, and if he stayed for only a day or two he would, I think, see few changes - superficially, Yenching is pretty much what it was ten years ago. The willows around the lake are taller, there has been a great outcropping of buildings in the southeast part of the campus, where the Industrial Training Program has its center, many of them left by the Japanese in an unfinished condition and salvaged by the University for its own purposes, and there are concrete roads and paths everywhere, for which also we must thank the Japanese who left behind the raw materials. But the students who stroll around the lake look much like the students of 1940, except for their clothing, and if the visitor went to classes he would probably not notice any great changes. Yet beneath all this, things are very, very different. China has experienced a revolution, and the revolution has come to the campus and made tremendous changes in practically every phase of our University life.

I have said that the clothing has changed. Slacks with short Chinese jackets, usually in dark colors, are the rule for the girls. The boys wear trousers and sweaters, and short American Army coats, some of the original gray-green color, some dyed black or dark brown. Permanents are few and far between, as is long hair - the straight boyish bob is the accepted thing. The students dress for comfort and convenience, not beauty, and you very seldom see, even on special occasions, a silk gown or a pair of high-heeled shoes.

In the refectories you would notice a very great change. The food costs somewhat over \$2.00 American money per month, three meals a day. The girls have kao liang (sorghum) for breakfast with a little salted turnip, steamed unleavened bread made of corn and millet flour, with spinach or cabbage with a little meat or bean curd at noon, and for supper, kao liang again, this time cooked with less water than for breakfast, and served with vegetable.

But these differences are perhaps somewhat superficial. Underneath there are even more striking ones. The Student Government, now housed on the lower floor of Gamble Hall, is more active and efficient than in the past, and has a much larger share in University affairs. The women students are very active in it, and take fully as much responsibility as the men, and often more. In fact, at the last election, among those receiving the most votes, six out of the first eight were women.

Nowhere do you hear English spoken, except in a classroom presided over by a foreigner, and even there you will hear most of the students speaking Chinese. There are no University lectures in English, no meetings. There is no attempt to conduct University gatherings bilingually - if a foreigner can't understand Chinese he sits beside someone who does and who can write a running translation for him. All minutes are kept in Chinese, and carbon copies must be made by hand for any necessary distribution. All notices on bulletin boards are in Chinese. There is no longer a faculty bulletin. For years this came out on Saturday, printed in English, and giving the events for the next week. All letters are addressed in

Chinese, and one has the very definite impression that this is a Chinese University, run by Chinese, with foreigners welcomed to help as teachers or even, in a few cases, as administrators, if they have a special contribution to make.

Every student is required to take "The Big Course" - a course on Dialectical Materialism and historical Materialism the first semester, and on The New Democracy the second semester. These courses include a two-hour lecture each week, and discussions in small groups, formed in the various departments, with a student chairman, and a faculty member always present. The faculty this semester meet regularly for lectures and reports, and for discussions in groups, to prepare for their work with the students. In all organizations, this study of the theory back of the regime is compulsory, the intention being to make everyone an intelligent participant in the new society. Questions are welcomed, criticisms gladly received, but it is expected that gradually one may understand so completely that he will really become a wholehearted supporter. Books and pamphlets and study helps are available to all. It is obvious to all that too large a proportion of time is spent in this way, and next year we understand changes will probably be made, but the government shows itself really in earnest in its effort to help citizens to become really informed, and as in the old-fashioned Sunday School it is taken for granted that when you really see the light, you will become a really staunch believer and supporter. The University workers also have their training and discussion groups and have become much more articulate and self-respecting.

The Women's College, you will see from the enclosed outline of its organization, has been reorganized, and the students and workers as well as the lower faculty and staff members, have a voice in its administration. To a greater extent than ever before, it is an integral part of the University, being responsible to the highest authority in the University, the committee that corresponds to the former "University Council." The Dean is ex-officio member of the two most important committees in the University, and there is a woman on every University committee the work of which is related to the Women's College. We are very hopeful that we shall have a new Dean this coming fall, but at present, in place of a Dean we have a triumvirate, Mrs. Yen Ching Ydeh, Miss Kuan Yü Lin, and I. Mrs. Yen is an experienced member of the faculty in the Sociology Department, Miss Kuan is younger, a Yenching graduate in the Department of Physical Education. Each of us brings her own knowledge and judgement to problems, and we find that the fact that we are so different in background and experience makes our decision more likely to be good and wise ones. But we very much need a strong, capable woman to be our Dean, and we think we are on the trail of just the right person.

From the various kinds of statistics are given on the enclosed sheet, you will notice that our two upper classes are very small, and this means that if we take in new classes of normal size the next two years, we shall have a much larger enrollment and be much more crowded than usual. The trend is toward taking in large numbers, since the pressure for education is so great, and we expect to have to put three or four girls into a two-girl room, in the fall. Compared with government universities our students are far "too comfortable," and we are so out of step with the times in this respect that it seems right to change things rather radically. Even the faculty housing situation is to be altered, and several of the larger houses made into two or three apartments so that we can house more faculty, staff, and workmen families. Simplicity and frugality are today's virtues.

Another virtue of this day and age is mutual help, and in closing I want to tell you two little stories to illustrate this. The students of the Education Department, most of them very "progressive," decided that none of their number would ask

for food subsidy. Instead, those who had part-time paid jobs (required teaching work) or who for other reasons had more than they needed, would contribute to those who had no money and were earning none. One girl did practice teaching in a charity school in the village near us. She got no pay for this, had not one spare cent. But she didn't like to say anything about her plight and so decided not to eat much and to cook her own meals, thus saving a great deal. I just happened to find out about this, and we worked out another arrangement that saved her self-respect.

Miss Liu's family was formerly a wealthy landlord family in central China, a very large family, old style, with grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, all under the same roof. In her own immediate family there are nine children. She had plenty of money during her high school days and in her first year at the Catholic University, and last semester, when she transferred to Yenching she asked for deferment of fees because her home had not been liberated and there was no communication between it and Peking. She felt sure there would be no trouble about her fees as soon as communication was reestablished. Finally, a letter came from her family. They had left their rich lands and had gradually withdrawn from place to place in advance of the Liberation Army, till finally they could go no farther and the Army caught up with them. They had nothing, they could find no work, they were almost destitute, and they certainly could send nothing to Miss Liu. Students in the upper third of their class according to the entrance examinations can apply for scholarship help. Miss Liu's grades were not quite good enough. The University said she must pay her deferred first semester's fees before she could apply for deferred payment for the second semester, and must pay the second semester fees before a certain date. Miss Liu is a pre-nursing student, little, cute, - and has a way of wrinkling up her nose when she smiles. I rather thought she was inclined to depend too much on soft-hearted people who thought her attractive, and so I waited to see what would happen. She hustled around and got a self-help job in the Bursar's Office, and worked so hard there that she hadn't time even to discuss her case. Dark rings appeared under her eyes from fatigue and worry. Then her "small group" went to work - pre-medical, pre-nursing, and Home Economics students - and they wiped out her first semester bill on her assurance that she would get a job in the summer and then repay them. But how about her second semester fees? The other nurses took up the case. They had noticed that she was a very hard worker but that her lessons just didn't come easy to her. They began to gather together contributions from their group. She came to see me. I told her that because of her fine spirit I would personally meet any deficit she had, though since I was already paying fees for two other nurses I hoped the amount would not be too large. Several weeks went by. Two days ago she came to see me with another pre-nursing student, to tell me that all the money had been contributed - she wouldn't need to ask me for any. That spirit of mutual help, of trying not to depend on University, government, or faculty member, is new, and one of the very, very fine fruits of the new society.

I fear this is a very rambling report of our life here at Yenching these days. So much has happened in the last two years that it is difficult to grasp and put it into words. If there is any particular aspect of the Women's College that you would like to learn more about, won't you please feel free to write and tell me so? My husband and I are leaving here for a year of furlough, just as soon as we can conveniently get away after commencement this summer, and we plan to be in New York City for most of the year. I hope it may be possible for me to meet some of you some time during that year. All of us in the Women's College appreciate so very much your continuing interest and help, and we know how especially hard it is these days to keep up the financial support. I feel that what the world needs most is

better understanding between groups, nations, and races, and that everyone who contributes to Christian education in China is making a supremely fine investment, which pays high dividends. It is a privilege for us out here to realize that we have back of us such a wonderful group as our Yenching Women's College Committee. We hope we may be worthy of our responsibility in that partnership.