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November 5, 1935

President J. Leighton Stuart
c/o Dollar Steamship Line
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My dear Dr. Stuart:

Let me acknowledge briefly receipt of your letters of September 13th, September 25th, and September 30th.

September 13th. This gave us the first information we had received by mail as to the opening events at Yenching this autumn. We are all delighted that the University began its year's work so splendidly, particularly after a summer filled with doubts and fears. We have continued to watch with some anxiety the recent news dispatches from North China but hope with increasing optimism as time goes on that no critical situation will develop to interfere with the smooth operation of the University's program this year.

September 25th. This letter was sent immediately after you cabled us with regard to your coming to America this autumn. I need not assure you that the Yenching Board of Trustees and all of us here at the office at 150 Fifth Avenue are eager to see you and are doing everything we can in the way of preparation to make your stay in America as pleasant and as profitable as we can. Other communications will give detailed information as to just what we are doing and planning, so I will not go into the matter at any length here.

September 30th. The letter to the Advisory Council has been printed and is now being distributed to all members of our Yenching Advisory Council. A supply is also being given to members of the Yenching College Committee and to the Trustees of Yenching University for their own information and for their use in interesting other present and potential friends of Yenching. I enclose a copy of the printed letter so you may see the form in which we are getting it out. I am not sure whether you received before you left China any definite information as to the use we made of the letter you wrote during August. We found this very valuable for use within a fairly small and intimate circle of Yenching friends, but it was deemed inadvisable to broadcast it very widely. Mr. Barber wrote, at the request of the Executive Committee, explaining just what discussions took place concerning the matter and what decisions were reached.

Our office has given instructions concerning change in address for your subscriptions to the Forum and Christian Century while you are here in America.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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With reference to your coupon No. 19 of U. S. of Brazil for US$32.50, we wish to advise that we are informed by our Head Office a final payment of US$11.375 will be made upon surrender of the subject coupon for cancellation.

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For their guidance, please mention in your letter "Our B/C No. 314".

Very truly yours,

Manager

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Garrattsville, N.Y.
Nov. 8, 1935.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,

Dear Sir:-

The clipping which you ask about, which Dr. Stuart sent to Mr. Jennings to give to Mr. Webster & Stone of Webster, Boston, Massachusetts, was delivered to Mr. Webster by Mr. Jennings. You might write to Miss Bowen, Mr. Webster's secretary for confirmation.

Yours sincerely

Gertrude E. Jennings -

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November 12, 1955

Mrs. Chester E. Jenney
Garretsville
New York

My dear Mrs. Jenney:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of November 8th clearing up the mystery regarding the ink dispenser which the field sent for Mr. Webster. In view of the fact that the article was delivered, the incident is closed. The sole point was that in case it had not been delivered the donor would have appreciated its return.

With kindest regards, and thanking you for the courtesy involved, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

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Dr. Stuart

YENCHING

November 15, 1935

President's Office
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Friends:

Let me acknowledge briefly Dr. Stuarts letters of September 13th and September 24th.

September 13th. This deals with the suggestion that Dr. Maurice William might make a trip to China during the coming year. I have sent Dr. William a brief note stating that the situation in China does not seem at all favorable to this proposal and am leaving further discussion of the matter to await Dr. Stuart's arrival.

September 24th. This has two enclosures and deals with matters connected with the reorganization of the Board of Managers. We will ask Dr. Stuart on his arrival here in New York to guide us as to the manner in which he would like these questions presented to the Trustees.

Our office has this morning received a wire from Dr. Stuart sent from aboard his train between Seattle and Chicago. He will be spending next Monday, November 18th, at the meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Boston and will arrive here in New York on November 19th. We are all looking forward eagerly to his arrival.

Very cordially yours,

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燕京大學
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新聞學系
Department of Journalism

Nov. 19, 1935

Dear Leighton:

If it were not for the confidence I have that you will surely have seen Mrs. Williams in New York I should be very much disturbed by her most recent letter in which she states that she is coming right ahead as originally planned. She mentions no arrangement there for her salary and seems to assume we can arrange it here. She speaks of going to New York and that she would plan to confer with our office about her trip, so she would certainly learn of your arrival or expected arrival.

The only explanation we can see for her action is that she interprets all my apologies concerning the financial situation as having reference to our inability to pay a standard university salary. I have two letters from Martin to you, passed on by Doris, in one of which he suggests that I personally make an appeal for her support to the Missouri-Yenching directors. I am getting this off as soon as possible, but unless you will have happened to make contack with him or her in sufficient time it would look as if we are under that additional financial obligation whether or no. Even if my letter were open to misinterpretation along the above lines, it is hard to see how Martin would approve of her trip in the light of your very definite statement that we can not find a way to assume any additional budget obligation this year.

Our financial outlook is decidedly poorer as a result of the assination of Marshall Sun Chang-Fang. Unless we are in his will, which seems very unlikely, I fear that we can hope for little more than the remaining $1,000 due on his previous subscription. The son here has already been back to secure permission to drop his work for the remainder of this semester.

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Hubert writes in encouraging terms of his trip to South China. It is good to have him enter that area but I am apprehensive of criticism concerning our work here in the past month. At the urgent insistance of both the students and other Chinese teachers Hubert placed a much heavier teaching load this year upon Ch'en Po-sheng. For the third consecutive week he has been unable to come out, and we have been unable to get any substitute for him among either foreign of Chinese newspapermen. They are all loath to get outside the city even for a few hours lest something very big break while they are away.

We have had no such thing as a panic even though it has been so reported elsewhere, but a great many have been nervous and the chief thing which censorship is supposed to forestall and prevent (rumor) has been riding high and free above the ground of assured fact. No one <u>knows</u> anything.

Please remember us to K.A. and tell him that I plan to write him at least one good letter about his work before he starts home. Please express also to Miss Van Sciber my appreciation for her services in digging out an article and sending it to the Christian Science Monitor.

This brings to you our kindest regards and best wishes from the whole family for a happy holiday season, a good New Year, a successful mission, and a safe return home.

As evern,

Cordially yours,

Vernon Nash

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
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November, 1935

John Leighton Stuart, D.D.
President of Yenching University, Peiping, China

Doctor Stuart's parents were missionaries in China. He was born in Hangchow June 24, 1876; graduated with the degree of A. B. and received also the degree of B. Litt. from Hampden-Sidney College (Virginia) in 1896; B. D. from Hampden-Sidney College in 1915. He was married to Aline Hardy Rodd of New Orleans in 1904, and they went to China in 1905 as missionaries representing the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In 1908, Doctor Stuart became Professor of New Testament theology at Nanking Theological Seminary where he remained until 1919.

In 1919 he was chiefly instrumental in bringing about a union of three small institutions at Peking, and he was called to the presidency of the united institution, then called Peking University and at present Yenching University. Within the past ten years it has been his personality that has been primarily responsible in building up this small institution with its meager resources and inadequate staff to its present position of leadership in Christian higher education in China. On a site beautifully located outside the city, near the Imperial Summer Palace and Tsinghua College, and within view of the Western Hills, a splendid group of buildings has been erected during this short period of years with funds raised during the same period. This group of buildings constitutes perhaps the most striking example in China of the successful blending of Chinese classical architecture with modern scientific engineering and construction.

Doctor Stuart has been remarkably successful in winning the confidence of both Chinese and foreigners in China. He has been equally successful in gaining the interest of Americans in this leading Christian University in China. While taking the lead in securing funds for the development of the institution, he has been successful in drawing together at Yenching an exceptional cosmopolitan faculty of Chinese, Americans, and Europeans. The Chinese faculty of Yenching will compare favorably with any equal group of Chinese and also with the faculty of any American university of equal size. The same statement can be made about the foreign faculty. When Doctor Stuart became president, the enrollment of the University was 94. In the academic year 1935-36, it is 885, which represents the limit of dormitory capacity. Each year a larger number of qualified applicants must be rejected for the lack of dormitory space. The student enrollment represents every province in China. More than one-half of the students come from south of the Yangtsze River. Graduates are readily admitted to American universities for post-graduate study.

Doctor Stuart's tasks for years past have been largely administrative. He has had extremely little time for literary or scholarly work. In 1916, however, he published "The Essentials of Chinese-English Dictionary of the New Testament"; and in 1922, the "Commentary on the Apocalypse" also in the Chinese language. Great pressure was brought to bear upon Doctor Stuart to induce him to attend the International Missionary Council held in Jerusalem in 1928. Unable to be present at the conference because of the pressure of financial need in behalf of the University, he prepared one of the papers which was read, under the title "Christianity and Confucianism".

Doctor Stuart's position as an American resident in China is almost unique. So intimate is his relationship with Chinese associates and the leading spirits in the new China that his resignation of the office of President of Yenching on several occasions, tendered for the purpose of leaving the position free for the election of a Chinese head, was always insistently rejected by the Chinese Board of Managers. When finally it seemed wisest, because of the new educational laws promulgated by the Nationalist Government, that a Chinese administrative head should be elected, arrangements were made to the great satisfaction of the Chinese faculty and Board of Managers whereby Doctor Stuart should still retain the title of "president" and be the resident administrator on the campus.

Doctor Stuart is universally recognized as a leader in the whole Christian educational movement in China. Because of the high esteem placed upon his personality and his service to China, the Government of that country has conferred upon him the third class rank of Chia Ho. This honor is seldom granted by the Government to foreign educators. He is Honorary Adviser to the Minstry of Education of the Nanking Government. He is also Honorary adviser to the Board of Education of Shansi and Chihli Provinces. He holds the same relationship to the Association for the preservation of Chinese Culture and the Palace Museum of Peking. He is likewise a member of the China Foundation.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

November 30, 1935

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We speak of you many times wondering what kind of news you are getting about us and not knowing exactly what to do about it. Things are happening every day, all significant, but impossible to put into a cable, and by the time letters reach you, an entirely new situation will have developed. Today Dr. Luh thought we had better write you something anyway.

It seems that Japan is trying to make North China autonomous, and Nanking has not taken any action so far; this, from our point of view, will make it easier for Japan to control this section. Yesterday a few Japanese troops took Fengtai, and stopped the rolling stock, so that Nanking could not send troops north. However, today they have withdrawn partially, and trains are running again. Meantime more and more troops are reported to be coming down from Shanhaikwan.

Yin Ju Keng, the authority of the so-called military zone, who was sent by the government to negotiate with Japan, set up his own autonomous state with the capital at Tungchow. Nanking is now trying to arrest him, but so far has not been able to because he is in with Japan.

Tsinghua is moving a great deal of its apparatus and material south, and a few cases were sent over here. The atmosphere over there is more tense than here, and it is harder for them to do their work. So far we are very quiet, but a few of the students are leaving.

Dr. Luh's interpretation. The situation in North China is a farce on both sides. Japan wants whatever she can get without military manoeuvres, which they will try to get by pressure of the local leaders. The latest news is that the autonomous government will be realized in a few days. How that will affect us we do not know, but there will probably be no academic interference for a while, so that we can face the situation for the present. Whether we will be able to stay here next year or not we do not know. The Japanese may bring pressure to bear on us through the local leaders later on.

Dr. Luh would like to assure you that there is no cause to worry, for there will be no serious developments between now and the time you return. He guarantees that there will be no military movements in the north - just a quibbling back and forth. Nanking seems to be letting North China drift; the local leaders seem to have some verbal understandings with the Japanese, and are playing for time to stave off the issue.

With greetings from us all,

As ever, yours,
Lois Cunningp

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YENCHING

November 23, 1935

**Memorandum to J. Leighton Stuart**

I have given considerable thought to your Chinese art collection and have done some investigating. No one, however, will give much satisfaction without having an opportunity of examining the articles. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the only possible market at the present time for such valuable articles is through high-grade art auction houses. Two have been mentioned as outstanding. They are as follows:-

American Art Association
Anderson Galleries, Inc.
30 East 27th Street, New York City

Plaza Art Auction Galleries
9 East 59th Street, New York City

I have been told that both of these organizations deal in high-class art pieces and are in a much better position to handle things of this nature than any other places in town.

One other suggestion has been that an approach be made to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and see how far they are interested in things of this nature. The question here is whether they are able and willing to pay the value of such treasures.

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

C. A. E.

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YENCHING

November 25, 1935

Miss Hilda L. Hague
Harvard-Yenching Institute
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Miss Hague:

A number of months ago you wrote asking us to try to trace for you two finger-print drawings of Teng K'uei which were supposed to have been sent to our office two years ago along with other material for exhibition at the Chicago fair. Since receiving your letter we have made a number of explorations in the hope of tracing these drawings, but none of them have been at all successful. The drawings are nowhere in our Yenching offices here, and inquiries made in Cambridge indicate that they are not in the hands of Harvard-Yenching Institute nor of the Chinese Library. Neither Dr. Gee nor Miss Woodward could remember having seen the drawings or having made any distribution of them.

We will continue our efforts to discover what became of these drawings, but I am not particularly optimistic. It might help if you could give us a little more detailed description, although I am not sure that this would be of any great value.

Very cordially yours,

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November 25, 1935

Miss Doris I. Cummings
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Miss Cummings:

Your letter of October 29th reached me this morning - the first mail from China since I left. Naturally, I am watching with anxious interest the news from North China and am eagerly waiting for letters from the University giving details of what is happening as it affects us. During the week I have been in the east I have been trying to form impressions as to the outlook for the mission which brought me here. In general, this is more reassuring than I had expected. The Trustees are obviously anxious to do their utmost for us and to proceed with efforts for Yenching independent of the joint campaign.

General conditions in the country are improving. It is therefore, more a question of procedure than anything else. I have reached my own conclusions regarding this which is the main thing I wished to accomplish before the meeting of the Trustees tomorrow. I doubt very much if they will agree. But at least, we are in a position where the matter can be discussed purely on technical grounds of effective methods rather than differences of opinion as to the correlation issue, et cetera. In any case, my present tentative opinion is that we cannot hope to secure any substantial funds in the immediate future except with the very best technique (nothing else under the changed conditions will get anywhere). We have hopes of adequate endowment if we take sufficient time. There is prevalent a very reactionary, nationalistic, mood but this may not live. The Japanese activities are, of course, a very serious handicap, especially in view of the lack of evidence thus far that China cares enough to make any resistance.

I spent last Monday at Harvard because of the meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees that day. This proved very worthwhile in a number of ways. I shall be in and near Boston for the first two or three weeks of next month except for two days at Princeton et cetera.

I met with the Yenching alumni in New York yesterday afternoon, which is the sort of experience that stimulates me for the task ahead. Apparently, they are not receiving the Alumni Bulletin. Could you look into this and see that copies are mailed either to the different centers where we have alumni groups or perhaps, better still, to this office to be sent out from here.

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I am enclosing herewith copies of letters to Mr. Senn. Please show these to Dr. Liu and Miss Cookingham for their information.

Jack spent several days with me here last week and will come up again this week for Thanksgiving which we are fortunate enough to be spending with the Meads.

My greetings to Mr. Yang and everyone else.

Sincerely yours,

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November 29, 1935

Miss Doris I. Cummings
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Doris:

I am writing you again as the most satisfactory way of sending word to the Chancellor, Controller and all others at Yenching. Needless to say, I am watching the news from China with intense interest and anxiety. What my other emotions are can be readily imagined.

Confining myself for the present to developments in this country, we had a very satisfactory meeting with the Board of Trustees last Tuesday. They are definitely committed to an effort to raise from one to two million dollars endowment over whatever period of time may seem necessary and to secure what the trustees regard as the best professional assistance to this end. They are now investigating the relative merits of Tamblyn & Brown and Pierce & Hedrick, and I think we will probably make a contract with the latter. Meanwhile Mr. Sherwood and Mrs. Macmillan have been set aside to work with me exclusively for Yenching. This whole effort will be conducted with no embarrassment from the joint financial campaign.

As to general conditions in the country, it is hard to speak. There is undoubtedly a measure of improvement and even more of optimism. I find, however, general dissatisfaction with the present administration in all those circles where we would make our efforts. Actual contributions can scarcely be hoped for in any large amounts in the immediate future. On the whole, therefore, I am very much relieved at the opportunity to put our case to a thoroughgoing test, which is about all that we could expect at this stage. Developments in North China are of course going to prove an extremely serious hindrance.

In a more personal way, Jack and I had a delightful Thanksgiving Day yesterday with the Meads. I have seen many old friends of the University, some former associates, and had a delightful meeting with the Yenching graduates in New York last Sunday afternoon.

I am enclosing some clippings regarding Dr. Ninde to be passed on to Miss Wood and Dr. Chao, also a financial statement which will interest Miss Cookingham.

A man who is to take me to Philadelphia tomorrow is waiting to see me, so I must close. My solicitous remembrance to everyone.

Sincerely yours,

JLS.A

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November 29, 1935

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Cookingham:

I am enclosing herewith a check for you of U.S.$2,000.00, which please sell at what seems to you to be the most favorable rate, and place the results to my credit on the Landscape Fund Capital Account.

Sincerely yours,

JLS.A
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

December 6, 1935

Dear Leighton:

It was fine to have your letter from Seattle this morning, and to know that you arrived safely, even though the weather was rough. I do hope you are better now that you are on dry land once more!

There is no news here - that is, no crisis or anything of that nature. C. W. goes to lunch every day in the city to meet with all the other heads of universities in Peking, where they get fairly inside information. The following is his interpretation of events at the moment:

"At this moment the responsibility lies mainly upon Gen. Sung Cheh-yuan. If he stands firm, or even keeps aloof, there will be no drastic change round here, but he is the question mark in the whole situation. He left for Tientsin yesterday, the reasons for which action I shall try to find out today. The situation looks ridiculous and entirely un-understandable to westerners, mainly because, as I suspect, something was already settled under cover. I suspect Sung is trying to get out of that difficulty, but it may be already too late. Misunderstanding with the central government and personal ambition stand in the way of united action. So far as I can see Ho Ying-chin is helpless without the whole-hearted support of Sung. The Japanese military demonstrations are not taken

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seriously by anybody around here. Chinese authorities know as well as everybody that the Japanese are not in a position to send troops into this area....As far as the students here are concerned, everything is quiet on the suface at the moment. If anything should happen, it would not be anything irresponsible. They are keeping their heads, for they realize that the old tactics will not get anywhere."

Most of us had a quiet Thanksgiving Day, some of us going in to the serviee at the Union Church, where Lucius preached and Flo sang. We are not planning much for Christmas, at least openly, for fear of misunderstanding and criticism, but some will entertain quietly on the side some of their students. C. W. is rather questioning the advisability of even having the "Messiah," but I hope it goes through. Ice is just beginning to be good on the lake, and quite a number were out yesterday.

We all hope that things are not too difficult for you, and that all will go as well as can be expected. The whole trip is certainly not an easy one, and as you say, events out here will not help any. We are always much interested in all that takes place, and glad to get your letters.

Good luck to you, and greetings from us all,

As ever,
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P. S. Mr. Arthur Rugh just came in with this letter for the Christian Century if you approve. Christian Century, Dearborn Street, Chicago.

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Augusta Wagner

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Peiping China

December 10, 1935

TELEGRAPH ADDERSS:
"YENTA"

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
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YENCHING

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I thought you might like a first hand account of some of the things that are transpiring, and so since the students have declared a "strike" for this afternoon, I am taking advantage of the unexpected free time to write you at once.

As you already know, the movement for autonomy has been nursed and forcibly fed by the Japanese for more than a month now. At first there was to be the autonomy that Japan desired most completely - political separation from Nanking; but strong opposition was encountered and since then Nanking has been bargaining with Japan (my interpretation) for a solution that would give Japan the dominance she wanted here in the North, but that would not mean complete and public political withdrawal from the rest of China. Ho Ying Chin finally came up from Nanking to enter into conference with the Japanese "to find a formula for the existing situation." Since the formula had already been more or less agreed upon in Nanking under Japanese pressure, General Ho was able "to ease the situation" very quickly; but only according to the newspapers. For on Friday there began to be rumors of the make-up of the new Political Council and the make-up appeared none too savory. Friday evening the students called a meeting and agreed to hold a mass demonstration against selling out China through this Council. The date of the parade was not to be made public, but on Sunday night word went round that the students were to leave Yenching at 7:30 Monday morning. Tsing Hua and the universities in town were to participate. Meantime the newspapers were saying that Ts'ao Ju Lin, Ts'ao Kun, Hsiao Cheng Ying and Kao Ling Wei and Yin Ju Keng of ~~the~~ Tungchow Autonomy Movement fame were to be on the Council. It looked as if the old Anfu crowd were going to have a chance to sell out once more.

Monday morning came and Margaret and I thought we would go over early to see if the students would really get off. When we got over at a quarter of eight, they had already gone. There were policemen at the main gate and at the south gate, but the students had got out of the east gate. We met two of the foreign girl students, who were just coming back after having seen the students off - the student government had expressed the wish that the foreign students should not participate - and they told us what had gone on. At six o'clock every one was routed out of bed and ordered to dress warmly and get a good hot breakfast. Then men and women gathered on the parade ground, where the student leaders had everything very well organized. They said there were about five hundred students there and it seemed to me that many when I saw them later. They then marched off out through the East Gate and across the fields



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TELEGRAPH ADDERSS:
"YENTA"

YENCHING

to the Hsi Chih Men. B

Bi Lao Yeh and I.at Luh Chih Wei's request,got a car,after much difficulty - we could not use yours, for there was to be no sign that we were in any way official - and went to the gate to observe and report what was happening. We got there soon after the main contingent from Yenching had arrived. The stragglers were coming in. It was a bitterly cold day, and some of the girls just dragged their feet along, they were so cold. There were at least a hundred policemen about. The next I saw were ten or twelve policemen coming over the bridge, one of them holding one of our Yenching students by the arm. It was Wang Chueh and with his free arm he was gesticulating wildly and was also hysterically shrieking out loud. I went over to him and walked beside him and urged him to be calm. He took my hand and said yes, he would be calm, but then would get all excited as he tried to explain to me what it was all about. Before we got to the police station, he had calmed down considerably and when he got in, the police were most wise and not at all irritating in the way they handled him. In a little while they let him out. What had happened was that when the Yenching students arrived at the bridge, the police blocked the way. He was in the forefront - he was the leader of the communications corps on bycycles - and led the rush that pushed the police aside. His was the only minor encounter our students had with the police.

Just after this the Tsing Hua students arrived, marching in fine formation, their faces very set and grim. As a cheer went up from the Yenching students for them, I could not keep the tears from welling up - they were such an earnest, idealistic band of young patriots, ready I really believe to risk their lives to prevent China being sold out. Altogether, Tsing Hua and Yenching, there were about a thousand of them.

The gate was locked and there they stood in the biting wind and bitter cold hour after hour. Part of them were sent to try the other gates, so that several hundred of them not only marched in from Yenching to the Hsi Chih Men but also to the Hsi Pien Men and back. But all the gates were locked. It was really very good that the gates were locked, because with the Japanese on the job in town anything might have happened.

Ho Ying Ch'in sent two representatives to invite them to send two delegates to confer with him, but the students refused, insisting that the entire group must be allowed to enter the city. This Ho Ying Ch'in refused.



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At about half past three the students from the other gates returned to the Hsi Chih Men, where some more students from Li Shih Ts'eng's college in the hills joined them. They had speeches, short ones, of what was happening in Peiping, and then they shouted "Down with the Autonomy Movement," "Down with Japan", "Down with the Traitors," and at about four fifteen started back. We had meantime arranged to get the truck to the gate. There were no busses, as they had been ordered to town the night before. We also got your car and a garage car and Stephen's car, and persuaded some of the most footsore and weary to ride home. The cars and trucks came back and forth, but a great many walked the whole distance. Some of them were purple with cold but they trudged on. The maximum temperature that day was 32 and the minimum 9, and a bitter wind was blowing.

In the afternoon, Miss Lei and Grace Boynton joined Bi and me, and later T.T. and Ma Wen Cho and Hsia Yun and L.T. Huang and Mrs. Huang, as well as Harry Price and Doug Rugh and George Loehr came with Miss Kung and Miss Wu Sung Chen. I think the students appreciated the interest of the faculty.

In town meantime the students from the various universities paraded and had some unpleasant encounters with the police, but there was no shooting or anything of that kind. The reports of what did happen are considerably exaggerated but of course our students take them for very truth. Yesterday morning some of the girls came to me with a tale of three girl students in town having been killed and that they must protest. When I tried to pin them down as to how reliable their source of information was I discovered that no one knew who they were or what school they came from but that some P.U.M.C. students had sent them word that they had died in the P.U.M.C. We called up the P.U.M.C. and learned that the only case they had was one girl who came in on her own to have a slight cut attended to. We sent this word to our girls, but meantime the students were having a mass meeting to call a strike to protest against the inhuman treatment meted out by the authorities to the students and to demand the immediate release of those imprisoned. Last night some of the Chinese faculty met with the two student leaders and came to a real basis of understanding. They have persuaded the students to take the faculty into their confidence and have persuaded them to modify some of the demands they proposed to make of the government - especially the one asking for the punishment of the police. Luh Chih Wei is making every effort ~~for them~~ for them to try to find out from the other university chancellors



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whether they have a record of any of their students having disappeared since Monday; in this way trying to find out if any students are imprisoned. He has also promised to get the other chancellors to go with him to see Ho YingCh'in about the matter and urge that if any students are arrested they ~~will~~ be released. The students say that the leaders in town say there are fifty-seven, but that they can get no confirmation as to how many there really are. Our students say that as soon as the authorities release even one, they will come back to work. They said they were most appreciative of the faculty's sympathy and cooperation, that Yenching was the only university in Peiping where the students felt the faculty understood and appreciated the students real devotion to their country.

Today's papers carry no news of the political council. The Chinese think that even the news in The Chronicle has now been suppressed. I fear we have not yet seen the end of our difficulties. This morning's paper did carry an item of interest, being an interview with the Japanese Military Attache in which he said protested against the demonstrations on Monday, saying that they were anti-Japanese in character ( and well they might be!) and that Communist slogans were distributed. He said he had expressed the opinion to the Chinese authorities that such a movement must have leaders and that a repetition of the demonstration should be prevented. The leaders of the movement he thought should be driven from North China, and if demonstrations continued the situation would be serious! Can't you just see the fuel that adds to the flames.

You probably are getting official reports from other sources, but I thought you might be interested in a first hand report of some of the events. We miss your wise leadership. You will not think I am minimizing our loss, however, when I say Luh Chih Wei is doing magnificently. I know you would be among the first to be proud of that.

I hope all this is not making your task in America too difficult. The immediate future for Yenching looks none too hopeful. Take care of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

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Articles

A few facts about Yenching University of China
and its president, Dr. John Leighton Stuart

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Three historic educational institutions, each a pioneer in its own field, were united in 1919 to form what is now Yenching University. The first president of the reorganized university was Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, now visiting in the United States. It may be said with confidence that a large share of the responsibility for the striking progress of Yenching in a period crowded with problems both in America and in China is with Dr. Stuart.

He came to a school that for a time maintained three separate sets of classrooms and buildings. Its enrollment was 94, rather largely from the immediate vicinity of Peking.

Seven years later under the leadership that Dr. Stuart attracted to the university, in which Chinese educators began to outnumber the Americans and Europeans on the faculty, Yenching went to its own newly created campus west of the city, now Peiping. Here under a skillful merging of American and Chinese architectural and educational leadership and planning, one of the finest plants . . . for higher education in all the Orient was established on a campus unsurpassed for sheer beauty.

The student body has grown to 885, its period of greatest increase coinciding with the period in which government schools and universities of China have had most to offer, materially and otherwise, to students.

In the faculty, Chinese teachers now outnumber Westerners about three to one. The growing Chinese constituency of the University is assuming a steadily increasing share of the support of Yenching, although the major part of the University's current income is still necessarily derived from Western sources.

In his American addresses, in a brief tour, Dr. Stuart will receive a ready hearing as one who understands and loves the East and who serves with find standards of scholarship and an effective genius for administration.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

MEMO:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 11, 1935

Dear Leighton:

Just a line from the office to slide in with Alice's letter. CW is busy interviewing students and soon he is going to Tsing Hua for a meeting over there. Just now CW and Harold Shadick are wondering if they ought to go on with the Messiah, but they will see how many come to the next rehearsal. There are no busses to the city yet, which is beginning to be inconvenient for those who have business there. The whole atmosphere seem quiet and controlled, and I have a feeling things will clear up soon without much difficulty, but of course one never knows. CW, I think, feels that the students are not antagonistic to the university, but only toward the police, and his idea is to work toward getting things cleared up with them,

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before trying to get the students to go back to classes. That would be futile, and would only force an issue.

The weather is clear and cold, but the ice is too dusty for skating.

Greetings from Mr. Yang and me. The Chancellor has gone.

Yours,

Doris

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December 7, 1935

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear President Stuart:

This Institute will be glad to continue to act on behalf of Yenching University in the arrangement of the exchange fellowships between Columbia University and your fine institution.

I am wondering whether you are free for luncheon on Thursday, December twelfth? If you are, perhaps you and I might get L. C. Goodrich to join us at the Century Club on that day or some day the following week.

Sincerely yours,

SD:EL

Director

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December 18, 1935

Miss Doris Cummings
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Doris:

I have been inexcusably remiss in allowing the matter of Dr. Gee's books to pass completely out of my mind. The reason for this is that having expected some sort of a document indicating their delivery on the steamer or a letter dealing with the matter, I had made no note of it and had allowed the whole subject to pass out of my mind. The best thing now will be either to hold the boxes until the next person can carry them as baggage, or to have them shipped to Seattle with a request that Mr. Bocker trans-ship them to Greenwood, South Carolina. Storage charges in Shanghai may make it ad visable to pay the freight, but C. F. Wu, Stephen or yourself will know what is best to do. It is strange that nothing reached me in Shanghai. In any case, my abject apologies.

At the risk of some repetition, and to be passed on to all those interested, let me try to sum up developments thus far.

The trustees have done everything possible to make my presence here count for the most, and are thoroughly committed both to the endeavor to secure the immediate objectives and to work toward an endowment of $2,000,000 or more to put tje institution as at present maintained on a stable basis. It was their judgment that Pierce & Hedrick would be the best professional firm for this purpose, and they have been engaged purely for the Yenching effort. Mr. Sherwood and Mrs. Macmillan are also giving practically full time. I have been working with the two latter in Boston and in Syracuse, somewhat by way of experiment.

Yenching is much more favorably and widely known than I had expected. The political disturbances in North China are far less of a handicap than might be supposed. The difficulty is chiefly the continuing effects of the depression, both financially and psychologically, and the feelings of reservation and fear regarding the present depression, together with uncertainty as to government legislation. I have thus far not heard one favorable comment about the President and his policies, though I have been in contact with the people of established position in conservative New England and in this city. It seems to me that we cannot expect much money in the immediate future unless we run into some unexpected good fortune. We can, however, maintain the active interest of former friends, increase the number of such, and if we can hereafter have a continuity in

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cultivation, which has been one of our chief weaknesses in the past, there is reasonable hope that with the return of prosperity, we can at least make substantial progress toward our objectives. Thus far, we have secured some $35,000 toward endowment, with some other relatively large items in prospect.

President Dodds had a reception for me last Sunday and I feel that officially Princeton is beginning to be more actively interested. We should not be unhopeful about restoring this source of support at least as something more than it has recently come to be. If during this trip of mine we do nothing more than restore our former connections and work out whatever is the best process for financial efforts hereafter, it would probably be worth while. It is perfectly clear that very few people are able to give as many have been able to in the past, and that we must in the main count on smaller sums, involving very careful study of the causes to be given prior claim. The outlook therefore is somewhat better than the very unpromising one which I had prepared myself to find, and is on the whole as favorable as any such cause could expect, under the existing circumstances. We shall try to carry the general university needs, the Princeton and Journalism needs in a concerted effort.

Please ask the Chancellor and Controller to have in mind an appeal to the British Indemnity Find for a substantially larger sum than we are at present receiving. Mr. Han advised me to make such a request, though he and I agreed it would not be too late to wait until I returned at the date originally intended. If I am detained here, the request ought to be sent in not later than some time in March. It might be well for someone to consult with Mr. Han informally as to the amount to be asked for and the most suitable object. It might well be an increase in Industrial Chemistry or something that applied to the whole field of Natural Sciences.

We had a good meeting of Yenching people in Boston in a Chinese restaurant on Tyler Street. The Galts, Mrs. Frame, Katherine Boyden and Dr. C. C. Yen could not attend, but I saw all of these on other occasions. The Wiants, Faye Hibbard and her husband and all the other students were present. Miss Comstock kindly had a dinner for me which I enjoyed very much and she herself was at Dean Donham's dinner the next evening. On both occasions she asked after you and spoke with warm admiration.

The news from China is being well reported and the activities of the Peiping students, including ours, are being given so much attention that I can almost visualize the happenings. My sympathy with those who have to carry on, and my thorough confidence in their ability to do so.

In two or three days I shall be leaving to spend Sunday with Jack in Baltimore and then take him with me to Georgia for the holidays.

With greetings to everyone,

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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Columbia University
New York

December 18, 1935

Mr. B. A. Garside
China Christian Colleges
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:

During the monts of October, November, and December, Mr. K. A. Wee, as a graduate student in the Department of Physical Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, has been engaged in writing a dissertation for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree. A short time ago the initial draft of the dissertation was submitted to the faculty committee, of which I am the sponsor.

While certain pasts of the dissertation are acceptable, it is apparent that numerous factors need further analysis, refinement, and elaboration before the study can be accepted in partial fulfillment of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree. Doubtless, these changes and additions will require at least six months of careful study before the dissertation can be accepted. The amount of time indicated above should be considered as suggestive; the real crux of the problem depends on Mr. Wee's ability to pursue, to their successful conclusion, the suggestions which have been made to him.

At present, Mr. Wee seems undecided regarding the place where he is most needed; either in pursuit of the Doctor's Degree, or in assisting with the promotion of the Christian Colleges of China in this country. He has asked me for this statement of his present status at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Very truly yours,

Jesse Feiring Williams

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YENCHING

December 20, 1935

Memorandum to Dr. Stuart

Re: Mr. Wee

Mr. Wee came in yesterday to discuss his plans for the coming months. The attached letter from Professor Williams gives an indication of the question that confronts him.

If you can find a spare minute today I would like to talk this matter over with you, to obtain your judgment upon what advice we should give Mr. Wee.

B. A. GARSIDE

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Dec 10, 1935

**MEMO:**

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Leighton:

Today at Assembly everyone was much surprised and perturbed to have the students take it over by a 'coup de état' - literally. It is now ten minutes of twelve, and CW, the speaker, Stephen, TT, Hsia Yun, etc are wondering what can be done about it, the faculty having been asked to keep away from the mass meeting, which is now going on in place of Assembly. No one knows how long it will last, but efforts are being made to make it as short as possible. Every gate is guarded by several policemen to keep the students on the campus.

By tomorrow perhaps CW will be able to send you a word of interpretation; in any case, we will keep you in touch with all developments.

Must hurry this off for the mail.

As ever Dots

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December 26, 1935

After sixteen years of constructive work by its Trustees in America and its administrators on the field, Yenching University stands today as an educational institution of unusual significance. In its student body, its high educational standards, and the successful careers of its graduates, it commands respect and is a constant challenge to those responsible for its maintenance.

Is there enough genuine interest in America to sustain this great Christian educational institution? The future existence of Yenching upon its present basis is conditioned by the answer to this question. Briefly and pointedly stated, it is - "Will the friends of Yenching endeavor at this time to give and to aid in securing sufficient funds to insure its maintenance through annual contributions and through larger gifts toward endowment"?

As you are a friend of the University, I am laying our present situation before you. Here in one of the most important centers in Eastern Asia, we have an American-founded Christian university, built up by the gifts of men and women in America who believe that it is essential to our Christian civilization and to international peace and progress to have such outposts in the far places of the earth.

Through their generous contributions during these years, we have today property investments of $2,697,569.62; endowment funds of $2,190,658.57, and trust funds of $500,000. We have 885 students, with still more clamoring for admission - in spite of unsettled political conditions. This proves that no matter what the political situation may be, the boys and girls of China need and want the ministry of education which Yenching provides. As a matter of fact, their fees provide 14% of the University's total annual budget of $315,000 U.S. currency. From Chinese sources, developed through the years, increasing support has become available, but it will be ten years or more before income from those sources can be counted upon to provide needed funds.

We have succeeded in creating a university, but we have yet to succeed in maintaining it. Today we are faced with this critical fact - that unless we can materially increase our endowment and provide for certain pressing physical needs, not only shall we cease to progress, but

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much of the ground so hardly won will be lost. We have effected drastic reductions in recent years, but even so, we are able to carry on only through emergency grants which cannot be indefinitely renewed.

The situation is really so critical that, at the instance of our American trustees, I am taking several months of time which can ill be spared from the exigencies of the local situation, to come to America and lay before our friends the urgency of this issue. I am writing to ask your cooperation in finding the solution to this most pressing problem - how can we maintain our university even as it has already been developed?

After very careful consideration, our Board has concluded that nothing short of an additional endowment of $2,000,000 will enable us to carry on. Manifestly this cannot be had overnight. If we face it as a definite and compelling task, we can and we will secure it in time to save the high standards of our work. In order to meet the immediate and pressing problems, the Board has selected from the total objectives these definite needs which must be secured immediately:

A. Current Budget Requirements:

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| To maintain the current work of the University without serious curtailment, the following are the very minimum amounts required: | | |
| 1. For acamedic year 1935-36 ..... | $25,000.00 | |
| 2. For academic year 1936-37 ..... | 25,000.00 | |
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B. Required for Payments of Advances:

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| During the period of building the University at a time when most gifts were designated for specific objects, it became necessary to advance from certain undesignated funds (largely legacies) the following amounts: | | |
| a. To carry the necessary home administration and promotional work ..... | 47,927.20 | |
| b. To provide residences for teaching staff ... | 47,531.06 | |
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C. Endowment for School of Religion:

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| In order to provide a stable income for this most important department, $100,000 is needed for endowment. At this time we seek one-half of this amount ..... | 50,000.00 |

D. Endowment for Women's College:

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| To provide a stable income to care for the annual budget. This amount is one of the most pressing needs. ..... | 90,000.00 |
| Total ..... | $285,458.26 |

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These items must be secured. I shall appreciate it very much if you will write me in reply to this letter, giving me whatever suggestions you can as to methods of procedure and possible sources of gifts.

Is there in America such serious concern over the present needs of China, and such deep appreciation of Yenching's contribution toward meeting these needs that we may make it possible for the University to build up the required resources? My own experience in China, and my contact with friends here, tell me there is. I believe you will agree with me.

Will you please give me your counsel?

Sincerely yours,

Leighton Stuart

President

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December 31, 1935

Miss Doris I. Cummings
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Doris:

I am just back this morning from a very pleasant little holiday in the south with Jack among some of the relatives of whom I am most fond. Your letters and a number of others from Yenching are extremely interesting and on the whole quite reassuring. I am watching the papers which on the whole are reporting the situation quite clearly.

Yesterday I spent several hours in consultation with Secretary Hull, members of the Far Eastern Division of our State Department and with the Chinese Ambassador. They are all extremely concerned and alert to the gravity of the situation. This is quite generally true of our friends in America, all of whom are eager for first-hand information and still more for an interpretation of events. On the whole, as I try to study our problem in its various aspects, it would seem to me that we might well determine to carry on where we are for the immediate future recognizing that this is tentative and does not commit us to any permanent policy. It may be that we would have a shrinkage in enrollment and that certain individuals on the faculty or even whole units might be temporarily located elsewhere. The advantages in such a course would doubtless suggest themselves to all of you but they are probably even more apparent to one who is in this country for the time being. It may be that the difficulties inherent in such a course may on the other hand be less so but I doubt this. In any case, I am quite sure that Dr. Luh and the others at Yenching are fully competent to make decisions as the need arises. In view of developments in North China, as well as the lingering effects of the economic depression here, we cannot hope to secure any money except from our very best and oldest friends in the immediate future. But I feel hopeful, however, of strengthening our present constituency and at least making plans for enlarging it.

Entirely apart from political happenings in China, the task of securing money for any educational enterprise, even in America, is extremely unpromising, chiefly because the kind of people who would respond simply do not have the money to give.

My best wishes and admiring sympathy to the faculty and the student leaders.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS:MP

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