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STANLEY D. WILSON
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January 6, 1945.

Dear Earl:

A letter has just come in from Lapwood and I have had copies made and am sending you a copy with this. Make sure that people in the office have an opportunity to see it, especially Miss Cookingham. I would also feel that Mrs. Houghton should be informed of the news in regard to Leighton and Henry. I am sending copies of this to Ran Sailer, Marnie Speer, Alice Boring and Wm. Adolph. Perhaps you know of others who should see it.

Lapwood is bringing up the question of support for his own study later here in America. He is a very valuable man and the University should do all possible for him. However to give him full support for a year would set a precedent that would give us much trouble in other cases. If he should come to the California Institute of Technology, he could probably get a teaching fellowship that would pay nearly enough to meet all of his expenses. I feel that he should come to California. It would be a very different matter to give him a grant in aid for a small portion of his expenses. Perhaps some individual could be found who would be glad to aid such an outstanding man. I feel that Lapwood is the most outstanding young man that we have among our foreigners at the University. He is the kind that we must build on in the future.

I hope that your office has not forgotten the matter of the scientific material belonging to the American armed forces ^{in China} and that at the right time an effort will be made to obtain much of it for the Universities in China. Of course none of it could come to us until after the close of hostilities. On the other hand it is well to have plans made much before that time. He mentions that they have ways of getting goods from Calcutta, if we have methods of getting them there. Perhaps this will aid in getting things through to the colleges in Chengtu.

Has any move been made in the case of Hsu Peng-cheng yet? It would seem that he should return to China this summer? He is a first class man and will be very useful to them there.

I feel that it is very important that Yenching should have a share in the advanced work and especially the graduate work when the colleges become re-established after the war. Men like Adolph and others will be reluctant to return if we do not have this. I feel that our record in this field before we were closed entitles us to high consideration along this line.

I am wondering about plans for Yenching faculty ^{members} to return to China within the present year. Are Ran and Marnie still planning to go? I saw Howard Galt to-night and he said that he felt that with the present prospect of the war lasting for some time yet, that Lucius and Leighton would both wish to return as soon as they were freed. He also felt that people would be most likely to reach Peking more quickly from West China than from America directly. Under these conditions he felt that it would be to the advantage of the University if Ran Sailer, Marnie Speer and I could be in West China and ready to move overland to Peking as early as possible. I am feeling a real upsurge of health and vigor

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for the first time since arriving in America. It seems to me that there has been a marked change for the better within the past few months. I feel that my heart is in the work in China and that I should return if I am needed. It will be hard to leave the family, but they will be safe and secure here and I am sure that they would not stand in the way of my going if that seemed the best. When I was East the last time Fairfield seemed very definitely opposed to any such a plan. I would very much like your reaction on the matter. Of course I am having a very pleasant time teaching here at Pomona. The students are delightful, but not too ambitious. The longer I remain here the more certain do I feel that we were doing a very good job in Yenching. If this Pomona position should come to an end there are plenty of other things that I could do where I could be useful.

College opens Monday after our New Years holiday. We have had a very pleasant season, as the weather has been unusually good even for California at this time of the year. We spent a few days in the mountains at a delightful cabin. I have been doing considerable gardening and have worked up somewhat over a cord of wood. We have a good fire-place and find that a fire during the evenings is most pleasant. One can get all the wood that he wants if he will cut it and work it up. I had a tree more than twenty inches in diameter and more than seventy feet high given to me if I would remove it. I have done so, and it is all ready for the fire-place.

The family joins me in best regards to yourself and the wife.

Sincerely

Stanley.

P. S. Please excuse the errors in the typing of the Lapwoods letter. I got Sheffield Galt to do the job and he does make some mistakes. Also he has mixed up the sheets badly and I have not taken time to sort them out for the various copies.

As far as I can judge the E. O. Wilson seem fairly content with what the University has done for them. He certainly is not improving. It seems to me that he has failed further.

Rev. Earle Ballou.
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New York City

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College of Science, Yenching
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Dear Dr. Wilson,

Since my last letter to you written on 30th August I have received from you letters of (?) August and 24th September, and a good deal of material on statistical work in Columbia and Applied Mathematics in Brown. I am very grateful indeed for the way in which you have obtained such full information for me. It is of the utmost value in my attempt to plan for the future. I wish I had as complete material about courses available in England. I have written to Dr. Hotelling and Dr. Goodrich, and I shall be writing, as soon as I have finished this letter, to Dr. Richardson. In each case all I can do is thank them for the information, and tell them that in present conditions I am not yet able to plan definitely for the future.

You will of course want to know what my plans are, as worked out up to date. The London Mission has granted a two-year furlough, and is strongly urging that we do not delay beyond June of 1945 in returning to England. But the Mission is unwilling to accept my desire that study come first. They feel that as we have had an interesting life in China and will have many things to say in England, we should regard deputation work as inevitable. Study could be put in as time was left over from deputation. Naturally this will not do, I know well that unless study is recognised as the major activity it will be crowded out.

I have talked this problem over with friends here, and come to the conclusion that the best way out is for me to devote most of my first year to fulfilling the desire of the L.M.S. But I will live in a University town, and do my best to attend lectures and brush up ready for intensive studies later. Then at the end of the first year I will ask the Mission to set me quite free for one year, and then I shall probably try to go to USA for study. I hope that one year there will be financed by the IMS.

Having done some study in England, there should not be any difficulty in finishing a PHD course in USA in two further years. I have requested Yenching to finance the second year of study, but so far have had no answer - Cookie wrote back that the decision should be made on the field, but YP points out that the people this end were not consulted when Bill Band was granted furlough from the New York end, and Yenching here has no budget for his travel or furlough expenses, supposing that New York will provide those.

What is your advise in this matter? I think that seeing I worked on Yenching payroll for three years I do have some claim on the University, though legally not for a full year of furlough. (Of course the University would not have to pay my travel expenses.) And I believe that it would be very much in the interests of the University to make it possible for me to complete a course of advanced training.

One of the points which we think that perhaps I should not try to start right in on a PhD course is the uncertainty ^{of date of} leave ^{of date of} here before the arrival of Ran and Alice Boring, and possibly yourself,

if you do manage to get out next fall. Then there is no knowing how long the journey to England will last, especially as we would like to pass by Australia to see Nancy's father and mother - Dr. and Mrs. E.J. Stuckey of Tientsin Mackenzie Memorial Hospital. So even if I got to England in time for the beginning of the term, it would be a great rush.

Well, that's enough of my own plans - you have shown so much interest in helping me that I thought I should bring you up to date. Let's proceed to answer your two letters, and give some news of the College and University.

I hope that you were able to get somewhere on the matter of donation of scientific equipment by the American air force to colleges in China after the end of hostilities.

It is some doubtful whether I should

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We do understand the terrific difficulties in getting anything sent out here from USA. But if you can manage to get any parcel as far as Calcutta we can arrange for its transport from there.

Our cost of living here is now over 700 times prewar. But the change of exchange rates has eased the situation as far as foreigners are concerned. For two years we lived by scraping along and selling off possessions gradually, but now that the £ has gone over 800 \$ mex we are able to make ends meet without further selling. This of course does not help our Chinese faculty, who are now living on the equivalent of 2% of prewar salary - i.e. a Professor is getting in prewar purchasing value \$25 mex per month.

Opinion here is now less optimistic than it was two or three months ago, on the subject of the wars in Europe and the Far East. YP has extended his estimate of the time to elapse until our return to the north from one year to three, and many feel anxiety over this strong Japanese advance which has reached the southern borders of Kweichow. The region of Hunan and Kuangsi which has been the recent battleground is very familiar to me as I worked there for two years as C.I.C. inspector and statistician.

We were very sorry to hear of the continued illness of E.D. I often meet chemical engineers here who graduated from Yenching and ask with affection and concern about E.O.

You mention what is in the minds of all of us - the conserving of the resources of the College for the future. I have understood that the Science College Endowment brings in around \$15,000 (gold) per year. In recent statements from Evans, the amount of this \$15,000 which is being sent to Chengtu is not specified. A considerable sum is being reserved in New York each year (very rightly) against salaries of faculty in Peking. Various other American payments are also retained. The final result is that of the total Trustees' income of \$80,000 plus not over \$45,000 yearly is sent out to Chengtu. The majority of this \$45,000 is Harvard-Yenching and Princeton-Yenching and Rockefeller (CPA). My proposal is that a fair proportion of the funds reserved in New York should be earmarked as for future purchase of apparatus and equipment for the Science College, having been derived from the Science College Endowment in the first place. I am taking this matter up with the Controller here, but at present he is not able to find out the exact facts of the case.

Please continue to urge Hsu Feng Cheng to return to China as soon as he can. We kept a vacant place in the salary list for him, but seeing that he is not going to arrive this academic year, we are trying to invite Huang Jen Hsun, Chief Engineer of the Neichiang Sugar Plant (Yenching Chem. Dept. Graduate) to spend his six months of sabbatical leave with us. His engineering knowledge is very appropriate now that nearly every student is wanting to go into industry.

I am very glad that you will continue to push for the share of Yenching in future scientific training in Christian Institutions in China. I hope that graduate work can again be regarded as our natural field. It needs pushing from your end, for we do not have enough prestige of experience and achievement in our small group here to carry the necessary weight.

Your news of the existence of a committee in Peking looking forward to the restarting of Yenching was very interesting and encouraging. The reason for my suggesting a Science College Committee rather than a general University Committee was partly that Bill and I seemed to be somewhat ahead of the of the group here in discussing plans, partly that we had special problems to consider in the way of obtaining of apparatus and supplies, and partly that comparatively speaking the personnel problems envisaged are so much simpler than for the rest of the University, so that it is easier to start. But the situation has changed since I wrote then,

- for instance Bill and I will not be available for some time. In line with your letters I will have a chat with Y.P before he leaves for the States, and see whether measures of a more general nature cannot be set in motion.

Our most recent news from Peking - via a pastor who recently came out - is that Leighton and Houghton are in good health, able to see friends once a week, to get in books, and to get food cooked and sent in daily from Norwegian nurses nearby. We regard the news published by the Hsin Hua Je Pao that they had suffered a nervous breakdown as untrue.

You will be glad to hear that Kuan Chao Chih was discharged from the hospital much earlier than we had feared. He is now free from TB and is rapidly gaining strength. He has taken a half-load, and is lecturing again with his usual excellence.

I am sorry to say there is no recent news about Tsai Lu Sheng. But comprehensive news about all the friends in Peking says that they are in good health, some teaching in Fujen (for instance Hsu Hsien Yu, J.C.Li) others staying at home (Wu Lei Chuan, Lu Chih Wei). T.C.Chao is Priest in the Anglican Cathedral. Yenching campus is now said to be the HQ of a "North China Natural Resources Investigation Commission". You will know that Robert Chao and his wife and family came through a short time ago. Robert and his wife are working for the Government organisation which takes care of American aviators here. Both in responsible positions.

The ten million dollar campaign has succeeded well. Mainly owing to YP's energy. But unfortunately YP has recently antagonised many people by careless or tactless remarks or attitudes. So that there is a good deal of criticism by alumni. Y.P. is too American and too little Chinese in dealing with some of them, or outside people. He is extremely good on the business and organisational side of running the University, but weak on understanding people.

Wu Chi-Yu hoped to go to the States as Yenching's representative. Having failed in the election, he is bitter and will not cooperate with YP. It is rumoured that he plans to leave here. We are trying to get back Han Ching-Lin. He is very necessary for our smooth running. We also want to get JB Taylor and Kung Lan-Chen to return as soon as they can. Shen T'i-Lan, recently appointed as Chief Secretary, is a very good man, and should help us a lot. Mrs. Mei has done excellent work in promoting the work of her department, and has already put the publishing work - pamphlets, charts, etc., on a sound financial self-supporting basis. But she is more unpopular than before. Of course such problems always arise, and we are fortunate in having level-headed people like Mr. Ma Chien around to keep things running smoothly.

Chang Tsung-Ping is doing very well. Chen Shang-Yu has done well as Parttime Registrar. But the Physics Department has suffered greatly, so I must insist that Shang²Yi come back next semester to full-time work in Physics.

Within this last month the students here have been more active than at any time since 1939. First an unfortunate incident in which policemen beat some local students brought out the smothered resentment against undemocratic procedures, and the students, in defiance of orders from the government, combined to march to the Provincial Government and present a set of five demands, including "Habeus Corpus" and other people's right. The Provincial Governor - Chang Chun, one of the best statesmen in China - handled the matter well, and agreed to the demands of the students as reasonable, and so no further demonstration occurred.

Soon after the Government, at the pressure of American representatives in Chungking, began the reforming of the Army, and called for 100,000 student volunteers. Gradually throughout the country there

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there came a vigorous response. From the Universities here several hundreds of students have volunteered. Cheeloo alone provided about 150 students, for interpreters, air force, or volunteer expeditionary force. The lists are not yet closed. We all hope that the Government plan will really make use of the students who have joined up. Last year a similar plan ended in fiasco.

The Presidents of the Five Universities, combining with non-Christian Colleges, have sent to the Government a manifesto suggesting total conscription rather than volunteering, and offered to turn the Universities into training establishments for wartime needs. This is what some of us have desired for a long time, and I earnestly hope that it is put into effect. Each department has been asked to submit curricula of wartime courses. If only this step had been taken five years ago it would perhaps have saved the present military disaster. There is a good deal of fear that the government does not really have any adequate plan to use all who wish to serve, and also on some sides that the KMT may take advantage of these moves to strengthen the party rather than the nation. But it is realized that in time of national danger party considerations have to be put second.

A little more news about people. Grace Boyton has been ordered to complete rest by the doctor, since she was getting weaker under the continual strain. She is improving very slowly. She has previously been ordered to proceed on furlough in the spring. Probably you know that Albert Hausske is doing an excellent job as Controller, but looks in poor health from overworked. Y.P. is in good health and spirits. Lui Hui Ching is proving a very good dean of Women, and Wei Yung Ching has worked himself thin in doing splendidly as Dean of Discipline. He has an excellent understanding of the students, and they like and respect him. He has been asked to head up training of workers in relief and rehabilitation for the UCR and possibly later the UNRRA. He has not accepted yet, but it is likely that after finishing this semester he wants to go. It is very much in line with his previous training and experience. That would leave us a difficult problem in finding someone to take his place.

I am troubled to know who should act as Dean of Science after I leave. Shang Yi is the most probable man, but some of his relationships with Deans and Chairmen of other Universities are not very good, and cooperation is an essential Chang Tsung Ping is a very good fellow - efficient and cooperative, - but young as I am for the job, he is even younger. I am going down to Chungking soon and will talk over this and other problems with Bill Bend. Bill is due to leave for England in February.

I still carry some work for the C.I.C. - now as chairman of the International Committee, which allocates the funds raised in other countries - especially USA - for the CIC. Occasionally this makes me very busy. But I am in excellent health. The doctor has recently pronounced me 100% normal. Best wishes to all your family, Ralph Lapwood

Nancy, Peter, and the baby (Joan) are all well.

Ralph Lapwood

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January 30, 1945

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

You will wonder what became of the fine long letter you wrote me on January 6th inclosing a copy of Lapwood's letter of November 28. It arrived just as I was indulging in a two weeks' absence from the office with an annoying illness. Your letter being the kind that required a rather careful answer, I permitted it to sink down near the bottom of the pile.

A copy was made at once, however, of Lapwood's letter, and Miss Cookinham has given it rather careful attention. She is preparing a memorandum on the questions relating to Science College income etc. These questions admit of quite thorough answer and I think the office here can be cleared of all shadows. If the memorandum reaches me within the next day or so I will inclose a copy with this. I have not yet decided whether to write directly to Lapwood about a number of points raised in his letter or supply you the information and let you do the writing. I shall make up my mind before this is mailed. The idea about getting a teaching fellowship for him at Cal Tech is excellent. How much can you do toward initiating arrangements? You certainly are the man on the spot best qualified to start things--after further correspondence with Lapwood I suppose. I think it will be possible to make some kind of grant to cover the balance of his expenses if the grant does not have to be very big. Of course if he spends the next academic year in Great Britain working for the LMS, that puts off the necessity for final decisions at this end quite a while.

We have preliminary lines out in several directions looking toward becoming a residual legatee for some of that scientific material which we hope will be abandoned in China. Pan Sailer, Harry Price, a friend of Carrington Goodrich, and C. P. Bennett are among those who have it in mind. Why in the world didn't Lapwood tell to whom in Calcutta goods could be assigned? We are inquiring at once, but it would have saved many weeks if the name of anybody had been given us. The idea has occurred to Cameron of the business department many times, but it has not seemed feasible to push an inquiry through to the point of making a connection over there. As to Hsu Peng-cheng, we have had a cable from Y.P. asking that he return at the earliest opportunity. He himself has written that he would "like to go back to China about the end of June." I wrote him on December 22 suggesting that just before he finishes his present assignment at Chicago (which we guess is about the end of March) he should start clearing himself with the local draft board and write us so that we can begin making applications for the various other clearances he will have to secure. This is the procedure as outlined by Evans. I have not heard from him since, which is not strange.

The disturbing thing is that to my cable to Mei asking about both Hsu and Li Hui-lin the reply mentioned only Hsu. Do you know Li? Miss Boring has been very keen for his return and between them they quote both Lapwood and Chang Tsung-ping rather extensively, including a suggestion that he draw \$500 from the office here to purchase instruments. Lacking direct, official authorization from the University administration, our treasury department can do nothing. As I began writing Y.P.

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way back in October and have received no reply to date, I shall probably cable before the end of this week.

I don't believe Yenching need worry that in any rearrangements of emphases or combination of coordinated functions its graduate work will be dropped overboard. No talk to that effect has pierced my eardrums. T.H. Sun has some very interesting ideas about development of graduate work, perhaps at only one or two centers, but even such a scheme would not exclude Yenching's own work of that kind, should Yenching not be chosen as one of the centers. Sun, by the way, is now on an extended trip over the country with this prominent Chinese industrialist, Lu Tso-fu. If they come anywhere in your neighborhood, be sure to see them. I will try to catch Sun with a letter mentioning the desirability of meeting you. It may be more than a month before they get that far.

As to getting back to the Yenching campus, whether at Chengtu or Peking:-- Ran and Marnie are still planning to go, though recently drawn horoscopes are not too favorable. Even Dr. Carl White, Columbia librarian, chosen to go as one of four visiting professors sent by the State Department (much like George Cressy last year) never got away, after fiddling around a month or so in Washington, expecting momentarily to depart. But better days are surely ahead. (We learned the other day that sometime in December budgets were actually figured for the complete evacuation of all our students and faculties from Chengtu, though we doubt if any plans got beyond the first precautionary stage.) Ran has had quite conflicting prognoses from friends he has consulted, but I definitely expect encouraging word by late spring. I am venturing to pass on to Wynn the sentence from your letter referring to yourself. It is grand that you feel so fit and with the need for reinforcement out there so great I certainly would encourage your going if the doctors say O.K. I would also refuse to debate the question whether Lucius and Leighton should come home before returning to the University--they certainly will need rest and refreshment.

Too bad about F.O. Wilson. So far as the action taken by the trustees is concerned, Evans and Cookie both were confident that it met very closely the expressed desires of Mrs. Wilson.

By the way, I have just seen in a bulletin from the State Department that Y.P. "hopes to come to the United States in February and to travel extensively throughout the country." I suppose this means only that he starts in February. Our latest letter from him, which arrived only last week, was dated November 18 and mentioned no details of his plans.

Unless something more occurs to me during the day, let this be sufficient infliction for this time.

Cordially yours,

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February 1, 1945

Prof. Stanley D. Wilson,
635 Berkeley Avenue,
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Stanley:

You are probably aware of the "Book Republication Program" and "Periodical Republication Program" of the Alien Property Custodian by which various publishers have been licensed to reproduce foreign scientific books and magazines. We have just received a book list containing 539 items, and a periodical list containing 135 entries. Most of the originals are German but some are French. In most cases the price of the reproduction is considerably cheaper than the original, though in a few cases the price is the same as that of the original or actually a little more.

I am writing to inquire whether you think it desirable to take advantage of this opportunity to purchase any of these publications for Yenching University. At the end of hostilities the program will probably be discontinued.

In case you have not seen these lists you can get them by applying to

Howland H. Sargeant, Chief,
Division of Patent Administration,
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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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STANLEY D. WILSON
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February 10, 1945.

Dear Earle:

Thank you for your letter of January 30th. in reply to mine of an earlier date. Most of it does not require any reply from me at this date, though I will comment on several items.

I have already had considerable discussion with the authorities at Cal. Teck. about Lapwood. They are very favorably inclined and made the suggestion that they could let him have a teaching fellowship of the sum of \$1500. This would call for the teaching of one section of Freshman Mathematics, - four hours per week. However any such arrangements would have to depend upon conditions when Lapwood was ready to come to this country. They do not know what will happen when the war is over with and would not bind themselves in any manner at this time. On the other side the faculty situation might change so that he would not want to go there. I find that many of the larger institutions feel uncertain about retaining all of their better men after the war is over. Many of these men have been serving the Government in various ways and have been stationed away from their usual places and may not care to return.

You are asking if I know Li. Hui-lin. I do not seem to remember him very well. In general Miss Boring has good ideas in regard to staff members, but she is capable of going off on the wrong track. I would want Y. P. to agree to any appointment before I pushed it through. I do hope that Hsu Peng-cheng goes back and the sooner the better as I see it. However he wants to undertake a little more work at Chicago, and perhaps he had better be humored in it.

Now the main item for which I am writing this letter. Pomona has offered me a position here for another year. In fact they are most urgent that I accept. I have enjoyed the teaching here very much. The students are a fine group of young people and the faculty are most friendly. If I am to remain in the States for another year I probably should take this position. I certainly should indeed. It is right here at home to me and is work that I can do easily and moderately well, at least. That brings up the question as to whether I should remain here or return to China for next year. The return to China has a very strong appeal to me. I would like to share in the work there. On the other hand I am not entirely sure that I would stand up under the situation there. I was not in as good condition when I arrived here a year ago as I had thought. For a long time I needed nine to nine and half hours of sleep every night to keep going. Lately that has changed and now I seem to need only seven and a half to eight per day and feel better than when I had to have more. I have also found that I cannot eat all foods. I must avoid rough food and many other items, especially acid and highly spiced items. Anna feels that I would not be able to carry on there and live as one would be obliged to in the conditions of the country. She says that if she could be with me that I would be alright, but that I would not be able to have proper food otherwise. I feel a great loss of face to have reached this condition, especially as I have always been able to eat anything and in any amounts.

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Anna may be entirely right about the matter. She often is more right than I.

Would you people consider this matter and advise me or order me as you feel the case demands. I shall also write Wynn at once. I suppose nothing definite can be said until the doctors pass on me and my condition. Pomona can wait for a considerable time. In fact they will have to do so, as I don't want to become tied down until I am more certain as to what I ought to do.

A letter from Ran. lately indicated that he wanted to return but was uncertain about the matter of passport etc. I have had nothing directly from Marnie, but have heard that she did not plan to return.

If Sun and Lu Tso-fu appear in this section I shall try to see them.

This has been a wonderful winter here. Much clear weather so far. We have had two rather heavy rains which have kept the farmers and ranchers happy. I have been planting my spring garden the past few days. We have had a winter garden that has done fairly well by us.

The family join me in all best wishes. Anna has just read the above portion of this letter and she calls attention to the matter that Cross, Hunter and Robinson were able to remain in China for only brief periods and that they are younger than I am. She feels that I might get out there and after a time have to return just when the University was ready to move and when they would need me the most. I am not at all sure that she is correct and indeed I feel that probably I would stand it for a considerable period. Perhaps this letter sounds too pessemistic. I really feel very well and hopeful and quite of the opinion that I could do it. However I want all sides of the matter considered. Howard Galt feels that I ought to go. He advised me not to listen to any offer from Pomona. He thinks that the University needs me there. If Mei arrives shortly we may be in a better position to reach a conclusion. A letter recently in from Mei suggest that he expects to see me in Claremont sometime early in the Spring, but he gives no dates.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley

There may be a fairly high probability that the matter, she often is more right than I.

While you people consider this matter and advise me of your feelings, I shall also write you. I have some business matters to attend to and will be in the office for a few days. I shall be in the office for a few days. I shall be in the office for a few days.

I have not yet received your letter. I am sorry that I have not had a chance to write you. I shall be in the office for a few days.

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I have had a very busy week. I have had to attend to many matters. I shall be in the office for a few days.

The family join me in all best wishes. Anna has just read the above portion of this letter and she calls attention to the matter that I have mentioned. I shall be in the office for a few days.

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February 13, 1945

Dr. S.D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

Here is the memo prepared by Miss Cookingham dealing with one or two of the questions raised by Lapwood in his letter to you. There is also an extra copy of the trial balance which, while not a very recent one, will give the general idea of what the figures are and how they are arrived at. Miss Cookingham's point that these are sent every month to Albert Hausske, and presumably are available for examination there on the campus is a pretty good one.

I had a letter a week or so ago from Lapwood which gave me a chance to say hello in reply and to refer to his letter to you. My reply, I discover, has not yet been started (we have regular mailing times for letters to China in order to save postage by sometimes putting more than one in a single envelope) and I am sending Miss C's memo on to him. She has also devised a "shuo fa" by which it looks as if some financial help can be given to his plans for studying in this country. I think she plans to write you about this direct. At any rate it is not a matter which calls for instant attention.

As I wrote you, I passed on to Wynn what you said about feeling so fit and your desire to get back to China. Perhaps you have written him yourself in the meantime. Last week a reply came from Harold Matthews writing for Wynn--I am sure Harold makes himself very useful in that way--which is not so encouraging as it might be. This is what he said:--

"Wynn has asked me to answer your inquiry about our present attitude toward Stanley Wilson thinking in terms of early departure for West China to join the Yenching University staff.

Dr. Ward is opposed to missionaries of his age (64) going into West China under present living conditions there.

Wynn and I are inclined to think that while individuals one by one may be able to go back to the North China cities earlier from West China than they might from the U.S.A., yet we believe that the institutions will not move back until they can return to their former locations with communication lines open so that students can be free to travel to and from a very wide area. Therefore, if Stanley Wilson went out soon to West China, the chances are he would be there for a few, if not several, years and then might be returned to America instead of making the move to Peking, since he would be almost if not at retirement age.

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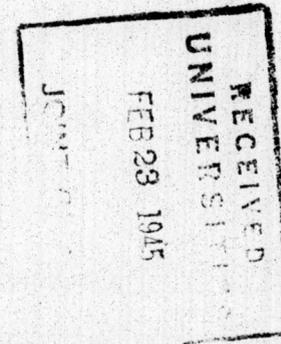
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If it were more of a live issue (I refer to the trip back to China, not to you as the one to make the trip), I would be prepared to press your case with Dr. Ward, but with the present tie-up in all civilian traffic that way, not quite a hundred percent but almost, and with no chance of your getting by in the near future, ought we not perhaps let the whole business lie until Y.P. gets here? We have cabled to find out when he expects to leave but no answer has come now in more than a week. Some people feel fairly sure he will appear even by the end of this month. After going over the whole situation with him, we can take such action as seems indicated.

Very sincerely yours,

Inclosures.

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Memo for S. D. Wilson

prepared by Miss Cookman

The enclosed copy of the Yenching University Trial Balance for November 30, 1944 gives the correct figures for ~~some~~ of the ^{accounts} (funds) which Mr. Lapwood mentioned in his letter to Dr. Wilson dated November 28, 1944. This is an extra copy of the trial balance and can be kept by Dr. Wilson if desired. A copy of this trial balance is sent to Mr. Hausske each month as well as a copy of the trial balance for Yenching College for Women.

On page 1 the Natural Science Endowment Fund is reported as \$500,000.00 and at 3% the annual interest on this fund would amount to \$15,000 ^{net} but actually the ^{net} interest rate has been below 3% in recent years. The statement on the "Analysis of Budget 1944-45" indicates that the Trustees expect to receive only \$11,508.00 on the Natural Science Endowment Fund. On this same page it is shown that the Trustees are reserving \$19,350.44 for salaries and other payments which must be made when the war is over. We do not expect it will be possible to analyze all post war payments by colleges and departments. From statements we have received recently from the field it is not possible to separate all current expenditures and list them by colleges. Probably when the war is over we will just have to clear up our past obligations and start on a new page. I feel sure the College of Natural Sciences will be given a fair amount of new funds raised for Post War Rehabilitation.

As shown on the "Analysis of Budget 1944-45" \$50,000.00 (not \$45,000.00 as mentioned by Mr. Lapwood) is being sent to Chengtu from Yenching University Funds and also \$15,000.00 from Yenching College for Women Funds. ^(The fig for the Women's College do not appear)

In addition to this \$65,000.00 we expect the University will receive Chinese \$9,337,124 from UCR and other sources. None of the funds provided by the UCR are earmarked for any one part of the University but ~~they~~ can be used where they are most needed.

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February 13, 1945

Dr. S. D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley,

Here is a check for \$84.10 covering the payment of subscriptions for Chemistry and Physics magazines which Dr. Adolph reported that you had ordered for Yenching. I have been holding this check for several days trying to find time to write you a letter to go with it.

Mr. Ballou gave me a copy of your letter from Ralph Lapwood dated November 28th read and I have since written him explaining wherein his furlough arrangements were different from Bill Band's. One important difference is that the Bands were at Yenching at the time of Pearl Harbor and would still be at Weihsien had they not escaped from the campus on the morning of December 8.

We should keep in mind, I think, the fact that Ralph Lapwood worked three years at Yenching and we never paid him any travel money -- at least I do not recall that we did. Ordinarily we have paid outgoing travel and one half of the return for people on three year contracts. I believe \$350 was the amount which we paid for travel between England and Peking at the time Ralph was on our Yenching faculty. If we paid him \$350 plus \$175 I am sure it would be quite a help to him in financing his furlough. If you wish to make a recommendation on the subject it could be presented to the members of the small committee here in America and then discussed with Y. P. Mei when he arrives.

Are you planning to come to New York again for P.U.M.C. business? I wonder if you will see Y.P. before we do in New York. We do not know just when he will arrive but look for him soon.

With greetings to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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POMONA COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

February 17, 1945.

Mr. Charles H. Corbett,
Associated Boards,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Charles:

Your letter of February 1st. in regard to the "Book Republication Program" and Periodical Republication Program" has been waiting for a reply for so long that I am ashamed of myself. These are busy days with us here as we are carrying on at the College with an inadequate staff.

I had thought of this matter even before your letter came through but had reached no very definite decision in my own mind. In the first place, as far as the Science College is concerned we do not use very many French and German texts and Journals. For instance, in Chemistry, Beilstein Organic Chemistry was the only important text in German that we had in our library at Yenching. In the next place we are not yet certain whether we shall be able to save any of our library on the campus or not. If we should get none of it back, we would wish to purchase some few items that have been lost. If we should get most of it back, we would not want to buy the same items, but would prefer some more modern items that have been published since we last bought any number of items. Furthermore, before the war started we were able to obtain many foreign items that had been reprinted in China at a very low rate, much below the rates quoted by the American publishers. To be sure the work was not quite so good, but it was good enough for most purposes. The work was carried out by photographic methods. If they should continue to do this in China we would save by waiting until we got back and they began to produce there.

I am of the opinion that no extensive program of purchases *of books etc* for the College of Natural Science should be entered upon at this stage. Perhaps some of the departments might have a very few items that they felt should be gotten at this time, but I would hesitate to use any large sum in this manner at the present time. For one thing, our American and British Journals and Monographs have become so very excellent and so very inclusive or extensive in the material that they cover that we do not feel the need of the literature in the other languages.

You might do well to discuss the matter with William Adilph, and to get his reaction in this matter. He has given our library needs more attention than I have for the past several years.

The papers are telling us of the very severe winter in the East. It has been unusually fine here this year. We are having quite a variety of vegetables from our garden every day now. I picked a few strawberries this morning, and to-morrow I shall pick some peas from my own vines. I spent the afternoon to-day in planting a variety of seeds and setting out a number of plants etc.

With Best wishes,

Stanley D. Wilson

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February 17, 1945

Dr. Stanley Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

Your letter of the 10th crossed mine of the 13th. I haven't a great deal more to say, but as one sheet of figures was omitted from my letter, not having been finished when I wrote, that is an excuse for writing again.

It is fine that you have made so much progress in preliminary inquiries regarding possibilities for Lapwood. You will use your own judgment in communicating these to him, and I leave it to you to carry on. Anything of that sort you can tell him will undoubtedly be an encouragement as he pulls through the final months of his stay in China.

A cable has at last come which says definitely the University cannot supply travel for Li Hui-lin's getting to Chengtu but that a position on the faculty is offered him if he can arrive on his own power. I have passed this word on and hope he will be frank, and not too sore, in letting us know how things stand. It wasn't only Miss Boring who went off the deep end. The most confusing and complicating fact was that Chang Tsung-ping and Lapwood both wrote him and the former told him to draw on us to buy equipment, as I think I mentioned in an earlier letter. The cable also informed us that Y.P. expects to leave in April. That of course is considerably later than the statement issued by the State Department. It is likely, I think, that he will be flown, as was the case with Y.G. Chen of Nanking, so that at latest he should be here by the first of May, perhaps two or three weeks earlier.

Now, as to your own plans, I hope you did not feel that I jumped the gun in passing on to Wynn something of what you wrote me about feeling so fit and like getting back to China. You will before this have received my letter quoting Harold Matthews writing for Wynn and stating Mark Ward's position. I seem to detect in this letter of yours a slight diminution of eagerness to get right back, and, putting everything together, unless you feel like pressing the matter and trying hard to persuade Mark Ward to change his opinion I am sure we here would all support you in staying another year at Pomona, and we certainly could make your case strong for any out there who have been especially hopeful you might join them this autumn. Incidentally, I am going to lunch with Jim and Maude and if they offer any different advice I will include it before mailing this letter. Cross was definitely knocked out. Hunter may have come a few months earlier than otherwise would have been the case but not much. Robinson is hoping to get home this year but, again, not much before the end of the brief term for which he went, and certainly not primarily for health reasons. Charles

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Corbett feels definitely that it would not be good for you to go out for a time and then perhaps have to take a health furlough just when you could be most useful in the return to Peking and getting things restarted there. And certainly the family and its opinions are to be given due weight--which is a lot. On the other hand, however, the strongest letter from Bill Fenn which I have seen since coming into this office was one where he insists that anybody who wants to help in reconstruction in occupied China will be far better fitted for the job, especially in spirit, if he has had some experience in helping to bear the load under conditions now prevailing on the refugee campuses. But that was written several months before the travel restrictions tightened up as they have. In a word I would not sign up with Pomona until the latest convenient date, but I would expect to sign up then unless conditions change a good deal.

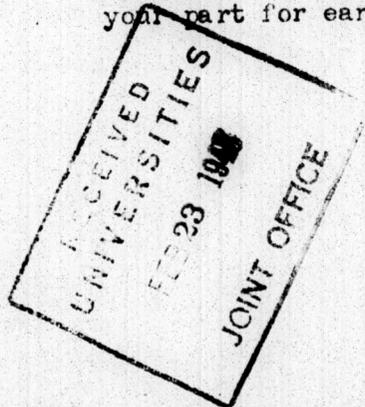
Jim and Maude, by the way, have been attending a conference of agriculturalists in Washington and are passing through en route to Boston.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. T. P. Sun says that their itinerary gives them only one day in your vicinity--at Los Angeles--so I am afraid your chances of seeing him are slim.

P.P.S. Monday. Jim was in fine fettle and distinctly resents it being said

that he came home for health reasons! He went out with an understanding of the Board's purpose which was not fully substantiated when the Board's formal action was received. As a consequence he stayed somewhat longer than he expected to, and the present scheme is that he comes back a bit earlier than the Board had expected him to, so that he may be ready to return to China this autumn, thereby releasing Harold Robinson to come home not much later than was originally agreed between him and the Board. You see it is all rather complicated! Jim also said this:--
 Inclosure. Living conditions on the Chengtu campus are far superior to those
 EB;mec he has observed anywhere else. One can eat and live there with
 much less likelihood of getting sick or too badly worn down than
 was the case at any time during his stay in Sian. Arrangements for Harold are
 a little better, but Rowland's traveling about so much of the time exposed him
 to far greater health hazards than would be the case in either place. I add
 this just for information, in no sense as material to support an inclination on
 your part for early return to Chengtu.



Copy to Mr. Ballou ✓

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*Earle: I thought you ought to
have this letter too.*

H.S.M.

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Foreign Department
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MARK H. WARD, M.D.
CANDIDATE SECRETARY
ROBERT E. CHANDLER

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

Your February 10 letter to Wynn has been given to me to answer. You want us to advise you in the matter of whether or not you should remain at Pomona College for another year of teaching.

On February 9, the day before your letter was written, we wrote to Earle Ballou concerning the matter of your return to China by way of West China. In this letter I am going to quote some paragraphs, even though Earle may have already quoted them to you:

"Dr. Ward is opposed to missionaries of his age (64) going into West China under present living conditions there.

Wynn and I are inclined to think that while individuals one by one may be able to go back to the North China cities earlier from West China than they might from the U.S.A., yet we believe that the institutions will not move back until they can return to their former locations with communication lines open so that students can be free to travel to and from a very wide area. Therefore, if Stanley Wilson went out soon to West China the chances are he would be there for a few, if not several, years and then might be returned to America instead of making the move to Peking, since he would be almost if not at retirement age.

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As far as we here in Boston are concerned, we would be very happy to think of you carrying on another year at Pomona. That would leave you free to return to Yenching in the fall of '46 at the age of 65 with a possible three to five years of service ahead of you before retiring. As you will gather from the last paragraph quoted from my letter to Earle, this would be our attitude unless

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Earle was able to establish a critical enough case for Yenching with Dr. Ward to cause him to give his consent to your return to China by way of West China.

In regard to Yenching's case, no doubt Earle will write you direct, if he has not already done so.

We quite sympathize with Anna's approach to the problem. We would like to save you for Yenching at Haitien rather than risk your going to West China this year.

Does this help you in making your decision?

Cordially yours,

Harold M.

Harold S. Matthews
Acting Associate Secretary

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STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

March 24, 1945.

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Rev. Earle H. Ballou,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Earle:

Your last letter suggested that I would do well to accept the Pomona College offer for the year 1945-6. You also suggested that I should postpone the acceptance as long as possible. The college is urging me to accept rather soon now. The year is moving along and they want their plans for next year settled if possible. Considering everything I do not feel that I should go to China just now, as I am afraid that I would not stand up under the conditions there. I saw considerable of Grace Boynton while she was here and she admitted that she could not urge me to go with a clear conscience. Also Augusta Wagner was here over the last week end, and she seemed to feel that the matter of a passport would be very difficult for me. However she is to make more careful inquiry on this point as soon as she arrives back in Washington. On the other hand Howard Galt feels that I should go if possible. He is such a hardheaded and common sense man that I feel much influenced by his feeling on the matter.

With the above review of the situation, what have you to order or to suggest in the matter. Above everything I do not want to fail in my duty to China and the job there. What happens to me personally is not too important. The important thing is the work and its progress. Will you let me hear from you rather shortly as to your feeling in the matter at the moment. Shall I tie up with the college here at once or shall I hold for a time yet, hoping that Y. P. Mei will arrive? Would his arrival change the situation in any degree? Is there any opinion as to when he is apt to be here?

I suppose you have been attending the meeting of the trustees of the P. U. M. C. to-day. I would have enjoyed the meeting, but it is a very long trip at a very busy season for me here in the college. Our second semester is nearly completed and I am needed on the job. I hope that everything went alright.

It was just two years ago to-day that we left Peking for internment at Weihsien. Well, I was most fortunate to have gotten out of the camp. I do feel so very sorry for all our friends still there. As a whole the news is fine these days. I would feel that Germany must give in soon now. Also I feel that Japan is apt to fold up much sooner than the papers would lead us to expect. They cannot stand the bombing that they are going to get very shortly now.

I extend sympathy in the matter of your father's death. He seems to have lived an long and useful life and has gone to his well earned reward, I am sure.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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March 31, 1945

Dr. Stanley Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

Just a hurried note, as I am to be out of the office most of the next week.

I had a visit with Grace yesterday afternoon. She seemed to take for granted that you would not attempt getting back to Yenching this year. We also have Mark Ward's dictum in the matter, which is that unless we insist he strongly advises delay. At Grace's request I am sending Y.P. a cable today covering several items, and am including in it reference to a cable received from him early this month listing five people in order of the "desperate need" for them out there: Speer, Sailer, Boring, Cochran, Wilson. I have no doubt what they knew of conditioning circumstances played a part in arranging that order.

I am saying to Y.P., for Grace, that Sailer will make every effort to go, that government permission is unobtainable for the women and that your health precludes an attempt to go. I hope you won't be offended by my putting it that way. A letter will follow explaining more in detail, but it seemed only fair that they should know what small likelihood there is of reinforcement and that Ward's attitude justified that phrase. Of course if you eventually decide you must make an effort to go, and the effort should succeed, nobody out there will be disappointed at the unexpected news of your starting. But you will now know that they will not be looking for you. Mark Ward, in his letter to me, put it rather strongly, and I would challenge some of the implications of your two sentences: "What happens to me personally is not too important. The important thing is the work and its progress." But quite a bit of the work and its progress might well depend on what happens to you personally.

Also in the cable to Y.P. I expressed the hope that he would be here for our Annual Meeting, May 7. He had written Grace that he had hoped to start immediately after a meeting of the Council on Higher Education called about the middle of April. I do hope there does not develop a threat to Chungking which puts everybody in a dither again.

The P.U.M.C. was peacefully and routine, followed by a nice dinner at CMB expense, with several of its members present.

Thank you for your closing paragraph. Yes, Father had a good life; a New England boyhood, an interesting youth, part of the time punching cows in Wyoming, a struggle for an education, only one pastorate, and nearly fifty-four years of ideal marriage.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 2, 1945

Dr. Stanley Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

We received the following cablegram through Press Wireless from
Chen-fu Wu:

PLEASE NEGOTIATE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR IMMIGRATION TRANSPORTATION
REMIT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS REPLY CARE PRESS WIRELESS.

You will recall that he was caught in Manila and one of the last things we did was to send him \$1,000 through the Rockefeller Foundation, which we have every reason to believe he received. Our original authorization was to pay him \$1,539.00 which after paying the \$1,000 and cable fees leaves a balance of \$526.48. There is a credit balance in his annuity account of approximately \$1,200.00. This would make a total of \$1,728.48 which conceivably might be available for him. However, we are not permitted to send funds at the present time, neither can we send cables except through first priority of the State Department and military authorities. Our only method of communication now available is through air-mail and if you can give us your reaction to this situation I will get a letter off to him immediately, as soon as your reply comes to hand. It is quite possible that you have some observations to make regarding Dr. Wu's return to Yenching and in that case we will deeply appreciate hearing from you.

Most sincerely yours,

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POMONA COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

April 6, 1945.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your air mail letter of the 2nd. has been here thirty six hours while I have been trying to decide what to say in reply. I took the liberty of consulting Howard Galt in the matter of reply. I consider that he has excellent judgement on these kinds of matters.

The whole question is a most difficult one. I think that you would do well to talk the matter over very thoroughly with Miss Speer. She was a member of the Executive Committee when Wu left Yenching and she will very likely recall many of the details that I did not even know. I seem to have a memory that he drew quite a sum from the Peking office of Yenching just before leaving. Perhaps Miss Cookingham will recall details here. She has a good memory. There was certainly quite a feeling that Wu was trying to get all possible funds and some felt that he got more than he should. However I think that was straight here.

Now the situation is still further complicated in my mind by the story that Miss Boring tells. This story is that Wu has gone to Medical School while in Manila, and that he is planning to practice medicine and to give up teaching. If I recall, Grace Boynton said the same thing while she was here recently. I have never felt sure that this was so. Perhaps Miss Boring or Boynton can give you more information on this matter. I am afraid that we will find find that it is not so. Also Miss Boynton told me that she had learned that Wu had been married while in Manila. Again I do not know anything as to the truth of this story. Perhaps Earle Ballou can be of assistance here as he was in Manila for a time and probably knew of Wu and his activities there. If Ballou has no personal knowledge here, he might get some information from Dr. Hugh Robinson who was in Manila also.

As to Wu's return to Yenching there has been various ideas held by various people. He is certainly the best known of all of our faculty in Biology. He is a man of much energy and one who dominates any situation, so there has been some unhappiness in the department. President Stuart has always hoped that we could be able to keep him and to utilize his very great abilities. Others have felt that the department would be much better off without him, and I am sure that the other members of the department would feel happy if Wu could find some other work where he could serve his country. He has ability. My own feeling is that the department would offer a much better program of work for the needs of China if J. C. Li or someone else was directing its program. As long as Wu remains there is little hope of any improvement.

Along with all this one must recall that he has served the University for a long time and had worked hard and has been one of the outstanding members of the faculty. In many respects he has been a very strong influence for the good and for HONEST dealings.

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We must also recall that this has been a very unusual period. He has had a difficult and dangerous experience. If he is in danger of starving or anything of that kind we should do something. I do not know how much we are under obligations to him. Should he draw a salary for the time he has been held in Manila? That would seem to be a matter of the committee composed of Miss Speer and others.

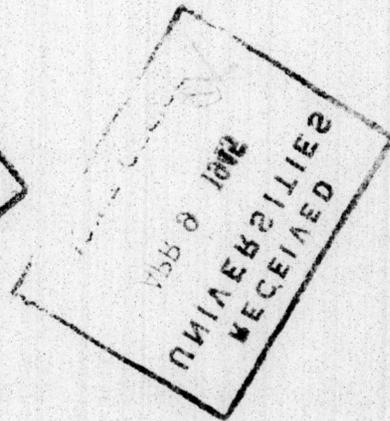
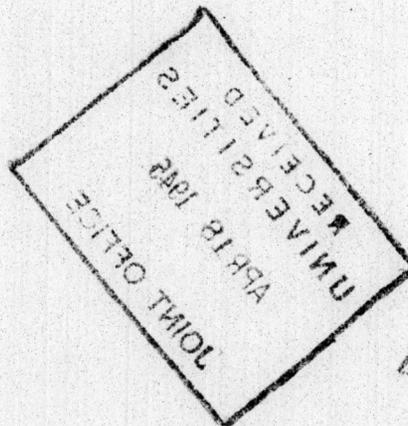
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I am not sure that this is of any assistance to you, but it seems the best that I can do at the moment. Again I would urge you to consult those I have mentioned, especially, Miss Speer. She has lots of wisdom and also skill. I would request that you do not quote me to Wu. He and I have always been good friends, though I do see the difficulties that his presence in the department creates.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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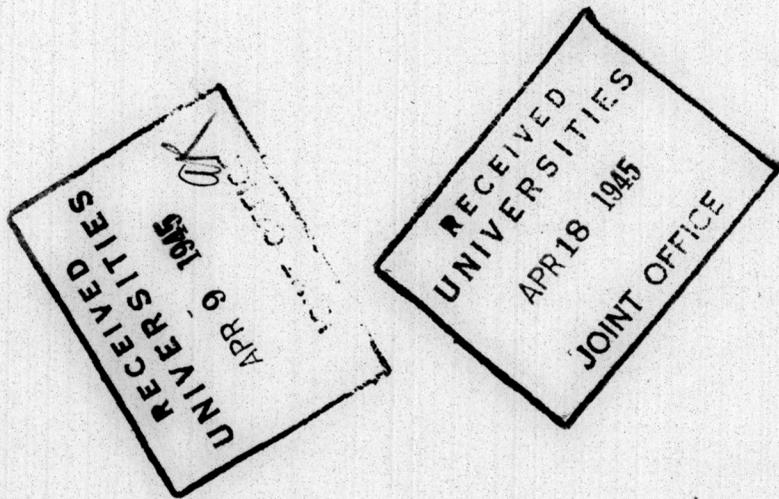
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Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson
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April 17, 1945

Dr. Stanley Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

I am grateful for your letter of April 6th and after giving full consideration to Dr. Wu's request it seems that we have no course except to tell him that we have on hand \$500.00 which was authorized from his Fellowship Fund of which \$1,500.00 has already been paid. We have also informed him of his balance in the Annuity Fund if he wishes to use it.

We have found out that he is not married but definitely he has gone to medical school and completed his course and is now in his internship. It is quite obvious, however, that he cannot enter any medical school in the United States without prior examination as all of his work in Manila was performed upon the strength of what he told them he had done in Yenching. As I understand it, however, he is a very capable person whose interests and talents should be conserved. If he is to return to Yenching University something should be done for him. If he is to return to China to practice, which would be the logical thing now, it would seem that we have no further responsibility other than to make adjustments of cash credits which are now on our books.

With every good wish to you and many thanks for your help, I am

Very truly yours,

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POMONA COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
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May 1, 1945.

Rev. Earle Ballou,
Associated Boards,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Earle:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which has recently come through from Lapwood. I have two copies from him and so you do not need to return this to me. I think that the Yenching people in the office will be interested in it. I would think that Miss Boring should have an opportunity to see it and also Marnie Speer. They probably come into the office once in a while.

Is there any news in regard to Y. P. Mei's arrival in this Country? I certainly want to see him while he is here. Also is there any development in regard to the return of Hsu Peng-cheng to China? Yesterday was commencement with us here, - a nice day and a pleasant occasion. We are having an eight week summer term beginning on the seventh. I have signed up for another year here at Pomona. It is a fine little college.

Sincerely,

Stanley D. Wilson.

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Dr. S. D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

I was very glad to get your letter of May 1st inclosing the one from Lapwood. That has been read with interest and is being circulated either in whole or in excerpts here among our staff and to Miss Boring and Miss Speer. Both these latter will be in attendance at one or more of our sessions next week - the almost solid week of ABCCC and various trustee boards.

Y.P. is here as indicated in the note I sent out yesterday. I had an hour with him in the afternoon and he is certainly full of pep, though thin and perhaps even a bit haggard. We shall all be seeing much of him in the next week and he promises to give a lift to our whole week's program.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter which has just come in this morning from Peng Cheng 'su and my reply. I think both are self-explanatory. If there is any additional heat that you can put on it looks as if the time had come! I have heard rumors of this attitude from others but regret that he is so close to signing off. Y.P. will undoubtedly ^{apply} pressure also.

There are lots of things it would be interesting to write about but it is Saturday morning with lots of other things to be done. I am sure your own decision about Pomona is the right one.

The best of everything to all of you.

Cordially yours,

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STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
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May 9, 1945.

Dear Earle:

Thank you for the netes in regard to Y. P. Mei and Hsu Peng-cheng. I have also had a note from Y. P. himsel and have just answered it tonight. Please keep me informed to some extent as to his travels. I am very anxious to see him if possible and the sooner the better. I hope that he prevails on the State Department to arrange a trip to this section of the country. Also I hope that he will have at least a week with the Wilson family here in Clarement.

I have written as persuasive a letter as I know how to Hsu Peng-cheng. It disturbes me that men like him are as unwilling to return to China at the moment. Those who stick over here will lose out when peace arrives. You can be sure that those who have remained at home and have shared in the suffering will object to those who have enjoyed lives of ease for too long periods here.

The Pomona college year is now completed and we have just begun on a eight week summer term. I have one class that meets nine times per week. This is an easier schedule than what I had during the year. We have quite a victory garden which occupies considerable of my time. We get quite a lot out of the garden and that pays me for the trouble that it causes.

You must feel happy to have Mei with you these days. He is an able and common sensed gentleman. I shall be anxious to learn what took place at the annual meeting this week. I suppose that word will be sent to us in this matter.

Just one item of family news. Our daughter Helen's engagament ot Lieutenant Allan M. Saunders of the Air Corp has been announced. The wedding is far in the future. He is a local boy and a very fine fellow. At present he is completing his training in a near-by camp, but may go over-seas soon. Children certainly grow up before you know it. I cannot make myself realise that she is nearly twenty one years of ago. But such is the fact.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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May 24, 1945
Dictated May 21.

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

I am glad to report that Dr. Hsu responded at once and more favorably to the letter I wrote him at the same time that I wrote you. Undoubtedly since then he has been further strengthened in his decision to make plans to return to China by whatever you have written. Y.P. also joined in the chorus and it looks as if things will now move on satisfactorily.

Before I go any further let me say how exciting we feel it must be to have an engagement in the family. We hope Helen's lieutenant is as fine a man as she deserves to have and it is obvious that he must rate pretty well to have you speak of him as you do. We continue to bemoan the fact that Hubbard seems only slightly and briefly interested in any young lady, that Larry's affections, while somewhat widely distributed and to some extent concentrated, are not adequately reciprocated, that Bob's interests are lively and diverse but apparently quite unfocused, and Christy, while much more inclined to think he knows the dictation of his heart and perhaps more successful in securing a satisfactory response, is hardly of an age or in a position to do much about it. In other words, we are pretty far toward the rear in the procession of our contemporaries in the matter of seeing the next generation established.

Y.P. went yesterday to Boston. There he expects to spend about a week, mostly around Cambridge with Harvard-Yenching people et al. He is calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Yenching Trustees on the 4th of June. He is to be in Oberlin on June 24th for the Shansi meetings and stays there for commencement, when I strongly suspect the institution plans to honor one of its alumni. He may get in a visit to the Chicago area before the Oberlin appointment. Just what the report on various X-rays etc. taken last week may be I have not heard, he will not be surprised if he has to spend some time in a hospital, probably in July, and plans for the summer will depend upon what is required in that way. I believe, however, there is a definite thought of having a conference with Yenching faculty members who may be available, and it is quite likely that he will want you and Howard Galt to come on for such a conference. Maybe he has written you about this already. If not, please consider my reference quite unofficial. If such a meeting is to be planned, he will have to get after it just as soon as he gets back from Boston, because travel arrangements are so difficult. Something was said about having it at Lakeville, a suggestion of Marnie Speer.

I believe I told you many months ago that the scroll you intrusted to me for delivery to Dr. Van Gorder had to be abandoned in Manila. Last week the trunkful of literary effects I left behind in care of Ed Nolting of our Madura Mission arrived and there was the scroll safe and sound. If I find someone going to Boston in the near future I shall ask them to take it up. Otherwise I shall mail it. Probably the delay of another fortnight or so won't make much difference! I am delighted it was in the little foot locker which I left in Santo Tomas.

Very sincerely yours,

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STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

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ANS'D 5/31
May 26, 1945.

Dear Earle:

I am enclosing a letter from Lapwood, that has been in my hand for a short time. I think that this should be passed around among the usual group interested in Yneching. I have had no method of having copies made here during the summer. If you have it copied will you please send me the original or a copy. If you do not have it copied will you return to me the original when you are through with it. Also be sure to return me the outlines for Tu Lien-yueh and Kuan Chao Chih.

In regard to these two men I feel that the University should do all it can for Kuan. He is the best man we have had in Math. and if the university is to amount to much in science we must strengthen that department. In Tu case I do not know whether we want to keep him or not. I have written Band about this and am waiting to see what he will have to say. Tu is a good man but we have other good in Physics and we cannot keep them all. If we want him we should do all that we can to find him something here but if we are not hoping to keep him on the staff we should not press matters so strongly.

I take it that you have heard that Hus Peng-cheng has finally decided to return to China. A letter from him a few days since tells me that he has informed Y. P. of this decision. I am very pleased at his action here and shall write him to this effect at once.

News seems most excellent as far as the war is concerned. Not so excellent in regard to the peace.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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May 31, 1945

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

A recent letter from Mr. A. C. Hauske, Treasurer of Yenching University in Peking, China contains the following paragraph:

"From the Ministry of Education we have recently received H.C. \$100,000. This is for faculty members who have served for a number of years and is in the nature of a special grant. In talking this matter over with Dr. Mei, it was thought that the equivalent in U. S. currency be kept in New York. With that in mind will you kindly credit U. S. \$32.25 to each."

You are included among the names listed and we are glad to enclose herewith check for \$32.25 representing your share in this distribution among ten honored people on the staff of Yenching University. You will be interested in knowing that Dr. Stuart was named and also Dr. Ph. DeVargas, both of whom are still in Peking, but under widely different circumstances. They are, however, under conditions which make it necessary for us to credit their accounts for the time being.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. S. D. Wilson

May 31, 1945

Dear Stanley:

I have had copies made of parts of the letter from Lapwood and inclose you one such copy. Perhaps you would have made quite a different choice. Much of what he said, however, did not seem to me to need circulation beyond the intimate circle of several people closely connected with the University. Both Tu and Kuan have fine records and I hope things will move forward favorably in their connection.

I have been in on some of the discussion which Y.P. has had with several folks regarding the proposed faculty conference at the end of June. He has just been talking, for instance, on the phone with Marnie Speer about it, and I heard him say that word had come indicating the purpose of yourself and Howard Galt to attend. That will be great and it will give a chance to discuss satisfactorily and definitively several of these questions.

Hsu Peng Cheng has been dilly-dallying some more within the last week. I cannot make out whether he really has questions in his mind or is just plain scared at the idea of going back to China as it is now, or what. He had not yet cut off negotiations with the people who were offering him a job at Pullman, Washington. This time we answered him outlining seriatim the steps which he should take preparatory to his departure and hope he finds it as clear as we intended it to be. His latest questions were regarding exact sailing date etc. etc. This is not quite as difficult to answer perhaps as it would have been to tell him just when V-J Day is due.

On one matter connected with his return Y.P. suggests that I write you, and probably an answer before you come east would be desirable if you can give it. If there should be a chance for him to take or have sent along at the same time a limited amount of apparatus and books, what should they be? Suggestions from you will be much appreciated, though I can understand how difficult it may be to give an answer. Through arrangements made by Hedham, it is evidently possible to secure some sort of shipping accommodations from Calcutta into China. Articles bearing directly on the war effort go through promptly; those concerned with research projects rate next; those related to teaching rate next; and materials for students rather than faculty people come along after if there is still any space ever available. Hence if there are things he ought to have for his personal use in any research he is likely to undertake, there is a good chance of shoving them along through.

Very sincerely yours,

Harle H. Ballou

Inclosure.
Via airmail.
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STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

June 4, 1945.

Dear Earle:

This seems to be my busy day as far as letters from New York is concerned. There has been four of them. One from you, one from Evans, one from Y. P. and one from Mary Ferguson. Yours calls for the first reply.

I am most sorry to learn that Hsu Peng-cheng is still unsettled in his mind. I must say that this surprises me much. I wonder who or what is advising him not to go? I doubt that another letter from me would influence him at this time. However if you suggest it I will try. I shall expect to see him as I pass through Chicago on my way East and will do my best then.

You are asking what he should take with him to aid him in research. That is a very difficult question for me to answer until I have an opportunity to talk to him. In general, perhaps a few books, say five to ten volumes, would be of great value. Then next perhaps a few pounds of some special chemicals which he could not find in Free China. Most likely this need would be met if he should take 15 to 20 lbs. of such goods. Perhaps he might need fifty pounds however. Finally he might need a few special pieces of apparatus. This is all guess work. A few minutes with him will tell me much more than I can suggest without talking to him in person. Perhaps while Y. P. is in Chicago he can settle the whole matter.

Y. P.'s letter tells me that the conference will take place on June 29-July 1, but he does not say where it is to be. I shall arrive in New York at 8:30 A. M. on June 28th. if my train is on time. Will you make any necessary arrangement for a place for me to live while I am in the city. I shall leave for Boston and Maine as soon as the conference is over. If I am to be in New York at a hotel I think that the Prince George would be very satisfactory. However I leave the matter entirely in your hands. Let me know what you have planned for me. I am leaving here early in the morning of June 24th. Reservations have been obtained for the trip East. I am asking Earle Smith to get them for me for the trip coming West.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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June 7, 1945

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

Yours of the 4th has just come in and I am assured by the people at the Prince George that they have a three-dollar room reserved for you on the morning of June 28th.

You will have received ere this the formal announcement of the Conference, giving Bronxville as the place and other information. It is fine that both you and Howard Galt are going to be here.

Y.P. is now on a trip which takes him as far as Chicago and until just before the Bronxville Conference. I have sent on to him the paragraph in your letter regarding things which Hsu Peng-cheng might well take back to China. You speak as if you expected to have a talk with Dr. Hsu yourself. That will be so much the better, but perhaps Y.P. can secure some of the information. We have had no more questions raised by Dr. Hsu regarding his return to China and trust all moves along smoothly. I know that one person whom he has consulted has been Wu Hsien. Nuff sed!

I wish you might have been with a select group of NCKLEH people last evening for a picnic supper in our flat: Izzy Hemingway, Frances Whitaker, Nan Kelley, Wynn, Bill Leete, and Rowland and Adelle. As would be expected, we found plenty to talk about.

Cordially yours,

EBB:mec

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August 27, 1949

CONDITIONS AT YENCHING AND IN THE PEIPING REGION

Attitude of Yenching Students

I have been in China over a period of thirty-two years and in this time have witnessed great enthusiasm on the part of students on several occasions - first, when the student movement started in 1919, again when the Kuo-mingtang took over North China, etc. etc. But I have never before seen the fervor and almost religious ecstasy on the part of students, which was evident on the part of a large portion of the Yenching students when it became evident that the Communists were to take over the Peiping region. In the minds of these boys and girls nothing was too good for these "liberators" and in turn nothing was too important or difficult for them to accomplish. The most cordial and extravagant welcome was therefore extended to the "liberating" army - officers and men alike. Of course, not all students shared in this feeling but I expect that seventy to seventy-five percent did to a greater or less extent. Others remained very quiet after the arrival of the new armies. Since then some have been disillusioned but a very large portion of the student body still retain implicit confidence in the new regime. Some few are vigorously opposed to the new but remain very quiet to this day. One fine student said to me, "I don't like the kind of freedom provided by the new regime. I want the kind of freedom which I understand they have in America." But I think that not many would say this.

The Communists have been extremely skillful in their relations to students. The Nationalists did everything possible to discourage interests in public affairs on the part of students and when, in spite of this, the students became active, they were repressed, often arrested, sometimes beaten or otherwise tortured, and occasionally executed. On the other hand the Communists have so far encouraged student interest in public affairs. Indeed, they have requested cooperation by students in making and carrying out plans. When Peiping was first taken over, there was a request for a large number of volunteers from student ranks to serve with the Communist forces. About a hundred and twenty Yenching students took up this work together with many hundreds from other institutions. Men and women shared in this. They were put into special uniforms and given several months of indoctrination and hard training and just as we left Peiping they were being sent South to help with the Army. There they would be used to "explain" the new regime to the people, to fill minor posts and to help in many other ways. The training was very vigorous, and some students "broke" down under it, but many thrived on it, in spite of the fact that living conditions were difficult and food very plain. After commencement this June, all seniors in the Peiping-Tientsin region were "invited" to come to Tsing Hua for a month of very special training, after which they would be eligible to accept positions of many sorts in industry and government. As far as I could learn, most of these students were very happy to have this special training even though again living conditions were spartan, food very plain, and the training far from easy. In general, one would say that students were very happy and most hopeful under the Communists. This applies to those from other institutions as well as those from Yenching.

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Attitude of Yenching Faculty Members

It is difficult to know the attitude of every member of the faculty but it is my opinion that the majority are in favor of the new powers. Many are very strongly so, and give all possible assistance to the new cause. Others are lukewarm. Some are opposed but say very very little and one only learns their attitude from guarded remarks. One or two are vigorously opposed and do not hesitate to say so in plain language. The above applies only to the Chinese faculty. I am not including the foreign faculty in this "write-up" unless I mention them especially in connection with some point.

Attitude of Small Merchants in the Peiping Region

As far as I can learn, most small merchants feel unhappy and disturbed. Those dealing in curios and other luxury goods have been told that they should produce "useful" articles. Therefore you see shops that formerly sold high-priced curios, now selling soap, candles, kerosene, etc. while they surreptitiously sell their remaining curios at a loss. Small merchants dealing in grain and other necessities feel that prices are so carefully controlled that they cannot make a living. Personally, I feel that at least a part of this attitude is the result of "friction" in the establishment of the new order and may disappear as adjustments are made.

Attitude of Farmers in the Peiping Region

The farmers in the Peiping region are at present unhappy and opposed to the new orders. Those with more land have had some taken from them without compensation or fear that a portion will be so taken. Those who formerly had no land, but who receive land by the division, find themselves without tools or fertilizer and without means to buy such, so the land is of little use to them. A large fraction of the work animals have been drafted off by the armies. All are informed that taxes are to be much higher than in the past. Farmers with better than average furniture have sold much of this at low prices for fear that it will be taken away from them. On the other hand, soldiers have assisted farmers in planting and working their land. In many cases they have been very efficient and helpful and this has pleased the farmer. Unfortunately for the Communist cause, the wheat crop this spring was the poorest I have ever seen. When we left summer crops looked excellent but many farmers said that there would be about a month before the fall harvest when there would be very little to eat and this does not help the Communist cause. On the other hand, we hear that in regions where the Communists have been in power for some time, the farm population are happy and feel very well disposed to them. I suspect that some of the difficulties in the Peiping region will disappear as adjustments are made.

Attitude of Laborers

Laborers have been encouraged to organize in Unions and this has of course pleased them in that it gives them a little more security, since it is now more difficult to discharge an employee. On the other hand, work is scarce since farmers no longer employ laborers

due to fear of loss of their land at any time. Also no one now builds or repairs buildings since there is a fear that these will be taken over. Wages for labor are little if any higher in purchasing power than before the turn over. Probably they are lower in purchasing value but they have risen very much in comparison to salaries of teachers and officials, and the income of merchants and bankers. This makes the laborer feel more important even if his food is no better than before and his clothes are worse than under the old order. When I left the relations between the employer and the workman were far from easy. Neither side knew what rules and regulations would be set up and the laborer especially hoped to improve his condition under the new rulers. There is considerable evidence that the Communists plan to adopt rules and regulations that will be fairly just to both sides. They are "going slowly" in this and studying the situation carefully.

Attitude of Big Business Men (Chinese)

Much to my surprise I found that at least some of the "big business" men are very favorably impressed with the new order. I know one outstanding Christian layman in Tientsin who is the managing director of a relatively large business. This business involves exporting his product. He feels very happy indeed over the prospect for his business under the new order. I might add that this man is a trustee of the P.U.M.C., is also very active in promoting the Industrial Training Program at Yenching and is actively supporting and pushing a large program of anti-tuberculosis work in Tientsin. Another man who is the managing director of the Chee Hsin Cement Company expresses a similar attitude. He also is active in the promotion of the Yenching Industrial Program. I know these men well enough, so that they attended a dinner given for me the night before we left Tientsin and I have had many talks with them, especially the first one. He feels that the future for places like Yenching and the P.U.M.C. is assured without too great modifications of the present programs.

Attitude of the Communists Towards Education (General)

The Communists have plans to make education - at least primary education - available for everybody. Also they plan to make higher education available to very large numbers who have the brains to profit by it. They are especially interested in applied science, industrial training, engineering, medicine and related fields. Practically all the former colleges and schools have been pressed to continue and expand their work in these fields. In addition they are opening numerous new technical schools of different grades. For instance, a medical college with two thousand students has recently been established in Moukden. This is of low standards and most of the graduates will not be of much use, but there is great enthusiasm on the part of students for such a program. While the detailed program has not yet been worked out it is evident that education will be made free to those who are able and do not have the means to meet expenses.

Attitude of the Communists Towards Yenching

From the time Peiping was taken over the relation between the Communist leaders and Yenching has been friendly, indeed cordial. They have gone out of their way to do things for the university such as to

make available a supply of electricity when we could not well produce our own, add before electricity was provided for the city of Peiping. They also provided grain to feed our students when we could not get it otherwise. Their friendly attitude is also indicated by the inclusion of three Yenching faculty members in the committee setting up rules for Higher Education. They have urged us to expand and develop our Industrial Training Program and have even promised considerable financial aid to parts of this program. Also, they have suggested that Yenching was probably the one place where an English Language Institute should be established. In addition they have suggested that Yenching should develop a five year program in Political Science and related fields for the training of candidates for diplomatic service. It is probable that in time they will require some, perhaps considerable, modification in our courses of study, but up to the present time their attitude has been that until they have had more time to work out their ideas, the University should continue along its former program. We did add on two or three courses in Economics, etc. from the standpoint of the Communist doctrine, but they seemed willing, even anxious that the older courses should be continued.

The leaders have made it strongly evident that students must study while in college. Students who are not interested in study should leave and take up some useful occupation.

Attitude of Communists Towards Christianity

At Yenching there has been, as far as I know, no restriction on our Christian activities. Chapel and such services seemed to me fully as well attended as before and interest on the part of those attending seemed keen. The School of Religion probably had its best year as they had a very intelligent and devoted group of students who shared in the life of the University as no previous group had done.

On the other hand, from what we know about happenings in other areas, it is evident that Christianity is in for difficult times and probably for persecution, but persecution never destroyed Christianity before and it will not here. There is much evidence that T. C. Chao and perhaps others are developing into crusading leaders for the faith. Christian schools that have to depend upon tuitions to make ends meet will be at a disadvantage in competition with government schools with no, or very low, charges. Perhaps, also, there will develop active opposition to courses in religion. This is almost certain to happen in some form.

Attitude of Communists Towards Foreigners (American)

It seems evident that the Communists plan to make conditions such that American business men will not remain. Up until the present they have made conditions very unpleasant for American correspondents. In fact, conditions had become such that they had great difficulty in collecting news and almost no way of sending out their dispatches; and all this in spite of the fact that most of the correspondents were very favorably inclined towards the new order. The new regime was unwilling to accept even minor criticism in dispatches. Consular and other official representatives have not been accorded the usual courtesies and their condition has been made difficult in the extreme. In

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general all foreigners are subject to delaying tactics. One has to carry identification cards at all times, also one needs permits to travel anywhere. The obtaining of the cards and permits is very time-consuming and is apparently subject to the passing whim of local officials in many cases. Often travel permits are refused without apparent reason. In other cases they are much delayed. One must say, however, that Chinese also must carry identification papers and are subject to thorough questioning whenever the authorities so feel inclined. Foreigners at Yenching have had better treatment than any other group that I know about. As far as I have heard the authorities have always been friendly in attitude, but they do not grant the request or grant them only after long delays. In other words, the present regime is a dictatorship and one lives there as in any other police state. I don't like such a condition. I think that it is very dangerous in the long run. Communists say that foreigners are welcome as long as they obey the laws of the country.

Some General Statements

I think that the present government has the wellbeing of the common people in mind to a far greater extent than any other previous government since I have been in China. But can a dictatorship and a police state by its very nature maintain such an attitude? Will they not soon be more concerned in their own perpetuation rather than the good of the whole? But take it altogether I think that there is a good chance that the present group will do very much for China and its people. There is hope here but not certainty.

In general I think that institutions like Yenching should be supported from America as never before. They will serve as a means of softening and modifying the rigors of the Communist program. Yenching needs financial support. It also needs young Americans on its staff. It is a fascinating and intriguing opportunity. It will be difficult but the rewards will be great if the program succeeds. If I were younger I could think of nothing more worthwhile to undertake.

/s/ Stanley D. Wilson

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