

University of Nanking,

Nanking,

25 December, 1937.

Mr. K. Tanaka,
Japanese Embassy.

Dear Mr. Tanaka:-

I have tried for a couple of days to refrain from troubling you further. However, many difficulties occur every day, and today they are worse than usual. New parties of stray soldiers without discipline or officers are going everywhere, stealing, raping, and taking away women. Some cases follow:

(1) Just now soldiers forcibly entered the University and towed away a truck used to supply rice to refugees.

(2) In our Sericulture Building alone there are on the average more than ten cases per day of rape or of abducting women.

(3) Our residences continue to be entered day and night by soldiers who injure women and steal every thing they wish. This applies to residences in which Americans are now living, just the same as to others.

(4) Soldiers frequently tear down the proclamations put up by your military police.

(5) This morning an American member of our staff was struck by an officer who suddenly approached him and angrily tried to tear off the arm band supplied by your Embassy.

(6) Other buildings not mentioned above are daily entered several times each, by soldiers who utterly disregard your proclamations, looking for women and for loot.

(7) Despite this disorder caused entirely by soldiers, we have no guard whatever and no military police have been seen near us.

With thanks for your continued interest,