

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Nanking, December 8, 1937.

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TO AMERICANS IN NANKING

Simultaneously with the departure of other foreign diplomatic officers, the remaining officers of the American Embassy will this evening board the U.S.S. PANAY and establish temporary Embassy offices there. It is expected that officers of the Embassy will return to the premises on shore during daytime tomorrow. Full functions on shore will be resumed by the Embassy at the earliest date practicable.

When information is received that the Yi Chiang Gate is closed the PANAY will move from its present anchorage to an anchorage off San Chia Ho. The Embassy is attempting to make arrangements with the authorities to keep open the telephone to the U.S. Naval Club on the bund and to the Asiatic Petroleum Company Installation at San Chia Ho, but continuance of such communication can not be assured.

Ropes for assistance in evacuating over the city walls are being given into the custody of Dr. M. Searle Bates, whose address is 3 Ping Tsang Hsiang - telephone U.S. 31789, Naval Club telephone 32814, Asiatic Petroleum Company Installation telephone 32906.