

1. Higher Prices Reduce Program While Needs Increase. A thorough survey has been made of the 54,144 persons (16,170 families) aided last season with 10,108 tan of rice bought at an average price of just over \$21. Realizing that this year's purchases must be calculated at fully \$50, since the price at harvest time is approximately that figure, the Committee has prepared for severe reductions in the number of persons to be aided. This was very difficult. For the 54,144 persons helped last season were selected on the principle of considering only those families which contained no able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 49, were obviously very poor, and were winnowed by house-to-house investigation. It is noteworthy that of the 16,170 families aided, 6,107, or 37%, were headed by widows; and that the total number of number of widows aided was 8,804, or 40% of all females over 15 years of age.

2. Methods of Selective Reduction. We find that by close severity of classification and judgment, some 9,000 persons can be rationally excluded from a continuing program. Of the remaining 45,000, we are able to distinguish 18,200 (Group I) as sensibly more desperate than others. Among the main body of 26,800 (Group II), we are unable to make distinction on the basis of potential earning capacity, or of degrees in poverty (the results of a considerable effort were indeterminate). We therefore propose to divide them by families, according to the number of children (12 years and under) in each family. We adopt this principle the more willingly, because our exclusion of families containing men of productive age has naturally tended to direct our help toward aged and stricken adults rather than to under-nourished children. The present proposal seeks to give a corrective preference to families with children.

3. Grain for Six Weeks Only. Utilizing the experience of previous years and following closely upon last season's procedure, we intend to grant to each approved family dry rice (or other grains if market conditions favor them) for six weeks' bare maintenance, presumably in two distributions. This amounts to a supplement of half rations for three months of the most difficult season. It is about the Minimum worth doing and it certainly does not create paupers.

4. No New Applications Are To Be Received, save in the improbable case that the seriously needy of whom we already have knowledge have been provided for. This decision involves the painful refusal to consider thousands of persons newly come to Nanking, or recently sunk into distress by deaths, illness or other changes since last season.

5. Concrete Figures of the Plan, in order of provision.

From	Persons	Tan of Rice	Estimated Cost (October)
Group I	18,200	3,370	\$168,500
Group II families 3 children & up	4,900	910	45,500
Group II Families of two children	5,000	925	46,250
Group II families with one child	6,700	1,240	62,000
Group II families without children	10,200	1,890	94,500
<u>Totals</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>8,335</u>	<u>\$416,750</u>

(Note - Dec. 6, 1940. Rice Now \$68. a total of \$165,000 has been received and put into wheat and flour).