

Nanking, November 30, 1937.

The International Committee which has been arranging for a Safety Zone for civilians at Nanking announced today that a telegram was sent to the Japanese authorities in Shanghai last night requesting them to make an early reply to the Committee's proposal, which was originally despatched on November 22nd. In its telegram the Committee pointed out that if proper arrangements were to be made for the care of the civilian population, it would be necessary for the Committee to begin its work of practical administration of the Zone at the earliest possible moment. The Committee further stated that it had already received from the Chinese authorities, both military and civil, assurances that they would cooperate in every way in furthering the efforts of the Committee. It is estimated that altogether some 200,000 people will have to be cared for, when the Zone is put into operation. Preliminary arrangements have already been made concerning food, housing, and police supervision. The Committee has also secured a pledge of \$100,000 towards the expenses of the Zone.