

Rabe

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF OF SPECIAL SERVICE CORPS

Bank of Communications, noon, December 15, 1937.

Translator: Mr. Fukuda. (The interview was a categorical statement by the Chief and no questions or discussion. It was in answer to our letter of December 14th, which had been given to Mr. Fukuda that morning and was presented to the Chief in Japanese.)

1. Must search the city for Chinese soldiers.
2. Will post guards at entrances to Zone.
3. People should return to their homes as soon as possible, therefore, we must search the Zone.
4. Trust humanitarian attitude of Japanese Army to care for the disarmed Chinese soldiers.
5. Police may patrol within the Zone if they are disarmed excepting for batons.
6. The 10,000 tan of rice stored by your Committee in the Zone you may use for the refugees. But Japanese soldiers need rice so in the Zone they should be allowed to buy rice. (Answer regarding our stores of rice outside of Zone not clear.)
7. Telephone, electricity, and water must be repaired, so this P.M. will go with Mr. Rabe to inspect and act accordingly.
8. We are anxious to get workers. From tomorrow will begin to clear city. Committee please assist. Will pay. Tomorrow want 100--200 workers.
9. Will inspect rice locations and guard.

Lewis S. C. Smythe

Lewis S. C. Smythe, Secretary
International Committee for Nanking
Safety Zone.

Members of Committee present:

Mr. Rabe, Chairman.

Dr. Smythe, Sec.

Mr. Sperling, Inspector-General.