

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NANKING SAFETY ZONE

December 26, 1937.

The Imperial Japanese Embassy,
Nanking.

Dear Sirs:

We present herewith cases numbered 137 to 154. We are glad to report that cases are decline and the conditions are much improved. But effort is still needed to clean up the situation.

There are three places that have been having trouble
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at night, especially: the Bible Teachers Training School Refugee Camp where seven soldiers have come to rape girls the last four nights, last night even spending the night there; (2) Hankow Road Primary School Refugee Camp; and (3) the Wutaishan Primary School Refugee Camp.

Mr. Fitch and I called at your Embassy this afternoon about this matter and asked that military police be stationed at these three places for at least a few nights so as to clear up this situation.

Thanking you for your strenuous efforts to help in these matters and for the improved situation in the Zone, I am

Respectfully yours,

Lewis S. C. Smythe

Lewis S. C. Smythe, Secretary.

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144. Dec. 23d. Japanese soldiers continued to rob the people, a drunk soldier hit a refugee on the head and raped a woman. Three or four times soldiers came and took away women. (Wu Tai Shan Primary School Refugee Camp,)
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145. Dec. 23d. 8:15 P.M./Japanese soldiers took away 4 girls. Dec. 24, 9:00 A.M. Japanese soldiers came in three times, each time three or four who troubled the people and at 2:00 P.M. took cloth, money and supplies. (Bible Teachers Training School Refugee Camp.)
146. Dec. 23d. 3:00 P.M. 2 Japanese soldiers came to the Hankow Primary School Refugee Camp searching for property and then raped a Miss Hwang of the staff. It was immediately reported to the Japanese Special Service Military Police. They sent Military Police to get the soldiers who had left, so they took the girl to their office and held her as witness. The same evening, other Japanese soldiers came and raped Mrs. Wang's daughter. About 7:00 P.M. 3 other Japanese soldiers raped two young girls, one of whom was only 13 years old. (Cheng Ta-chen, Head of the Refugees House at Hankow Road Primary School.)
147. Dec. 24. 4 Japanese soldiers took away 12 coolies from the Sanitation office in charge of Mr. Ma, I Ho Road, No. 6. (Fitch)
148. Dec. 25, night 7 Japanese soldiers came to Bible Teachers Training School Refugee Camp and stayed all night. During the day at 9:00 4 soldiers came and at 2:00 3 soldiers came and took cloth and money. (B.T.T.S.) They raped 2 women, one only 12 years old.
149. Dec. 25, 10:00 A.M. Mr. Riggs of our Committee was stopped on Hankow Road by an officer of the Inspection Corps and grabbed, hit, and slapped Mr. Riggs. (See letter of Dec. 25th) (Riggs)
150. Dec. 25, 2 buffaloes were taken from the shop yard of the University of Nanking by Japanese soldiers. Place: 11 Hu Chia Tsai Yuen. (Riggs)
151. Dec. 22. two Japanese soldiers raped a refugee girl, aged 13, at the U. of N. Sericulture Building and her mother was hurt when she tried to stop them. Another woman of 28 years was also raped. On the 23d, 4:00 A.M. two girls were taken by Japanese soldiers but Japanese gendarme met them and the Japanese soldiers fled. (H.K.Wu, Sub-Commissioner of Police)
152. Dec. 25. Several Japanese soldiers took away the wheels of two large type fire pump engines at 3:00 P.M. The Safety Zone Fire Department had 4 fire engines (cars) and 12 pumps. But in the last ten days nearly all have been taken by the Japanese soldiers. The pumps we have now are either destroyed or without wheels. Only one pump is useable. (Y.H.Yung, Head of Police Dept.)
153. Dec. 25. A 15 year old girl, Miss Li, was taken away by Japanese officer and two soldiers from 14 Kuleo Hsintsun. (C.Y.Hau)
154. Dec. 26. 4:00 P.M. A girl 13 years old was raped by 3 Japanese soldiers at Chen Chia Shiai No. 6. (Wang)

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NANKING SAFETY ZONE

5 Ninghai Road

December 27th, 1937.
5:00 P.M.

The Imperial Japanese Embassy,
Nanking,

Dear Sirs: For the kind attention of Mr. Fukui.

Because you asked Mr. Rabe and me this noon for places where the International Committee might secure coal, we asked Mr. Riggs to look around this afternoon.

As a result we present herewith a "Memorandum on Coal Stocks" at four coal yards that have not been sealed by the Army. You will note the special request about the 50 tons in the last yard on American property. That would serve our immediate needs.

But altogether we will need 300 tons ~~of~~ to carry us to about the first of February and a second 300 tons to carry through to the first of March. This is only for soup kitchens and would make no provision for private families who also will want coal. This private need for coal in the civilian population would probably run to over 1,000 tons. Consequently, 600 tons should be set aside for soup kitchens and an additional 1,000 tons or more reserved for the civilian population private use.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, I
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Respectfully yours,

Lewis S. C. Smythe

Lewis S. C. Smythe, Secretary.

MEMORANDUM ON COAL STOCKS

Hung Wu Road 156 T'ung Ih Company

About 50 tons, from which some is now being taken.

Wu Lao Ch'iao Tung 91 Ch'ing T'ai Company

About 100 tons of soft coal (Pile of hard is being burned).

Li Chi Hsiang 36 T'ien Yuan Hsiang Company

About 60 to 100 tons.

Mu Hsin Wei Tang rear 1 (opens from Han Chugg Lu)

Large yard has about 500 tons, from which some hauling is now going on.

Small yard has about 50 tons. This is located on American property. The International Committee especially desires protection and assistance in using this coal for cooking food for refugees.

27 December, 1937.

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Proclamation

(Translation)

The Commander will from December 24 issue civilian passports to all refugees and civilians who are solely for the purpose of residing and working. Persons shall be obliged to go respectively to the Issuing Office of the Japanese Army to report their arrival and to get the said passports. No one is allowed to get the passport for others. It is necessary to have one's own presence. In case there are old and young persons, and patients, they shall be accompanied by their family members to report their arrival. This is necessary. Those who have no passports in future after investigation are not allowed to reside within the Nanking city wall. This is a very important order.

The above instruction is for your information.

Chao Ho 12th year, December 22.

Nanking Commander of Military Police
of the Japanese Army.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NANJING SAFETY ZONE

5 Ninghai Road

December 30th, 1937.

The Imperial Japanese Embassy,
Nanking.

Dear Sirs: For the kind attention of Mr. Fukui or Mr. Tanaka.

I am filing with you herewith cases 155 to 164. Most of the ones on the first page, 155 to 160, have been reported to you at least in brief before. But the four cases on the second page, cases 161 to 164, have come to our attention this noon. Two of them occurred this forenoon. Case Number 164 where a girl of 12 years old was taken away from the Sano-British Cultural Relations Building, is the one on which you can probably do the most good by immediate investigation.

Cases 161 to 163 did not occur within the Zone, but two were on the borders of the Zone. Anyway, such actions in places near the Zone, make it very difficult and dangerous for people to return to their homes.

Thanking you for your courteous patience in receiving these cases and for your prompt attention to them, and especially for the prompt investigation of Case No. 160, I am

Respectfully yours,

Lewis E. C. Smythe

Lewis E. C. Smythe, Secretary.

161. A man who works for a German next door to Kiangnan Kung Sze Hopingmen was bayoneted to death yesterday, Dec. 29th by Japanese soldiers who demanded young women at his house. There were only old ~~seems~~ women there, so the soldiers said they would take them. This man objected. Consequently, he was killed. (Riggs)
162. In front of the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday, 3 men were passing and soldiers accused one of them of being a Chinese/ soldier, then shot him and stabbed him. /
163. Dec. 30th, morning, 4 men were going along Ku I Lan and Japanese soldiers opened fire on them. One was killed outright and a second wounded so seriously that the doctor does not expect him to live. He is now in University Hospital. (Wilson)
164. Dec. 30th, 12:15 noon, 2 Japanese soldiers came in a yellow car to the Sino-British Cultural Relations Building at 69 Peiping Road and took a girl 12 years old. Family is named Mi Chao-tsan. (Smythe)

Filed, Dec. 30th, 1937.