

Riggs

Jan. 4, 1938.

MEMORANDUM ON COAL STOCKS, No. 2.

On January 1st, 1938, the Tze Chih Wei Yuan Hwei notified us that the Japanese authorities had assigned them the 550 tons of coal at Mu Hsin Wei Tang No. 1 (see our original list, yard No. 4). So the Tze Chih Wei Yuan Hwei said they would assign this coal to the soup kitchens operating in various places in the city. Mr. Riggs was asked to help arrange the trucking.

When he came to truck the coal from the above yard, Mr. Riggs found:

1. All but 70 tons had been taken from the big pile which when he first investigated had about 500 tons.
2. The coal ball shed had been burned and the coal and coal balls in the shed were burned up since our first investigation.
3. The 50 tons of what he thought was soft coal, turned out to be very poor grade of hard coal.
4. Besides the above there are 80 tons of soft coal which we are hauling now.

As a result what at first appeared to be over 550 tons of coal is now only:

80 tons of soft coal  
50 tons of poor hard coal  
70 tons of good hard coal.  
200 tons altogether.

Note: One large pile with coal on the outside, is only slate on the inside!

In order to complete the 600 tons needed to carry the soup kitchens through these two months, it is suggested that either coal from a yard outside Han Chung Men (said pile ~~said~~ thought to be still in existence though we have not investigated) or coal from our original list No. 7 at Sheo Sing Ch'iao, Ta Yang Tsun K'o, Hwa Li Co, be assigned for this purpose.