

NOTES ON THE PRESENT SITUATION, February 3rd, 1938.

As zero hour draws near for threatened compulsory military expulsion of people from refugee camps, many are moving out. But at the same time cases of rape, robbery, and violence suffered by people returning to their homes continue to pour in to our office.

On top of that, rice deliveries have stopped today. With no dependable rice supply in other parts of the city and moved from places where they have received free rice or rice gruel, there is going to be considerable suffering. It is too bad that conditions were not as well prepared for people in those areas as they were for them when they moved into the Safety Zone the first two weeks in December. Then men risked their lives to haul in reserve supplies of rice and flour through air raids and defence of the city. Now at the critical moment the 1,000 bags of flour promised almost two weeks ago are still tied up with red tape and with no reserve supplies of rice at shops for distribution, rice delivery breaks down.

Because the cases are so many, the following is limited to cases occurring since February 1st: (Others will be listed later.)

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Feb. 3rd, an 18-year old young man, Sze Shao-hsi, left his camp at 9:00 A.M. today to return home. When he got to Sze Hsiang Chiao, he was stabbed with a bayonet by a Japanese soldier because he did not bow down quickly enough. He came to our house this noon for treatment. (Mills)

310. Feb. 1st at noon two Japanese soldiers acting as sentries at the East end of Yi-ho road searched a man named Shen and took \$6.00 from him. (Magge)

311. Feb. 2nd, Mr. Liu Sung Shih, aged 53, was raped ~~by~~ at 7:30 A.M. by two Japanese soldiers at the background of the Ningpo Native Association.

312. Feb. 1st, Mrs. Hsu Wang Shih, aged 20, was raped by four Japanese soldiers at 10 p.m. at No. 49 Ying Yang Ying.

313. Feb. 1st, a Mr. Siao was robbed by four Japanese soldiers of \$5.00 at Si Kang road.

314. Feb. 1st, a Mr. Liu had \$3.70 taken from him by four Japanese soldiers at Lang Yar Road Kuling Temple about 5 p.m.

315. Feb. 1st, at noon, a Mr. Chang had eighty cents taken from him by two Japanese soldiers at Kuling Temple.
(N.B. These cases west of the Zone indicate difficulties of small farmers in either returning to their farms or in going back and forth.)
316. Feb. 2nd, a Mr. Feng went to Hsia Kiang Kow Pung to register at 8 a.m. At 11 a.m. he arrived home, No. 100 San Tiao Hsiang of Hsi Hwa Men, and half an hour later, one Japanese soldier broke in---at that time Mr. Feng's neighbor, a Mr. Kao, and his daughter-in-law were there together. The Japanese soldier intended to do something bad, fortunately this Mr. Feng knows a little Japanese and persuaded the Japanese to go. Later, Mr. Kao returned to Kan Ho Yen.
317. Feb. 1st, a Mr. Wang returned to his home at Hsiao Pei Men Chieh No. 15 at 9 a.m. While he was putting things in order a Japanese soldier came in and asked for girls, to which a negative answer was given. Then the Japanese soldier asked his grand son where is his mother, to which the boy also answered no. Finally he asked the little boy to lead to the opposite house to search, and finding nothing he went away, giving ten cents to the boy.
318. Feb. 2nd, Mr. Chiang returned to his home at Hsin Men Ko. En route he met five ~~and~~ six Japanese soldiers at the corner of Yunnan Road and Chung Shan Road, who forced him to carry cooking utensils to Yih Kiang Hotel. Having finished the job, he tried to return back, but coming to the Ministry of Railway, he again met two Japanese soldiers who asked him to carry rice to Hsiang Yuan Men. As the time of his returning was too late, he could not go home!
319. Feb. 2nd, Mr. Chang aged 46 ~~was~~ formerly stayed at a camp. He was then hired for service by the Japanese Hsiao Chow Troop at thirty cents a day, starting from 11th of January. On 2nd of February about 8 a.m. while on his way to the said Japanese troop he met more than ten Japanese soldiers at Ting Chia Bridge, Yunnan Road, who forced him to carry some articles. He showed them the pass given by the Hsiao Chow troop as certifying he is working at the said troop but these soldiers tore the pass and beat Mr. Chang to do the job.
320. Feb. 1st, Mr. Wang went home. En route he met two Japanese soldiers at Chu Kiang Road Hsiao Sar Mao Hsiang, who took away \$1.12 from him.
- on Jan. 30th
321. Feb. 2nd. Mr. Chen and Mr. Miao returned to Tung Pai Lou on Chung Shan Tung Lu to arrange everything in order for preparation to return to their factory on Feb. 2nd. When they got to the factory they saw four Japanese soldiers taking away various articles, such as machines, printing machine and other useful things. They forbid them to enter, so the refugees could not but return to the camp and waited till Feb. 2nd. That morning they went to the factory and met some Japanese soldiers, who after seeing their cards, seals, asked for girls. Then they took away from Mr. Chen X \$18.00 and from Mr. Miao \$12.80. So these two refugees had to return to the camp and are now penniless.

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322. Feb. 2nd, Mr. Chu tried to return to his home at Jen Kung Road in the afternoon. As he went to Tien Kwang Hsiang with his friend, they were stopped by five Japanese soldiers who took them away to do some work till night. So they dare not return home again.
323. Feb. 2nd, Mrs. Ma returned to her home at South Kwang Hua Road and just as she arrived home, Japanese soldiers entered through the front and back doors asking for girls. Fortunately we hid ourselves under the bed and were not seen by them. They took away five basins and 10 candles.
324. Feb. 2nd at 3 P.M. four soldiers came to Pao's house at Wang Fu Hsiang asking for girls. When answered "No", they went away.
325. Feb. 2nd at 2 P.M. Japanese soldiers broke through the walls of a house at Chi Chia Wan, searched the house and demanded girls. All women hid themselves and fortunately were not discovered. The soldiers went away at 2:30 P.M.
326. Feb. 1st, at 1 P.M. three Japanese soldiers came and raped a 29-year old girl by turns at Tze Ma Ts'ung.
327. Feb. 1st at 1 P.M. three Japanese soldiers came to Wu Tiao Hsiang, Drum Tower, and carried off a girl of little over 10 years of age. The same family had been visited by three Japanese soldiers on Jan. 28th who raped two women.
328. Feb. 2nd, at 3 P.M. three soldiers came for girls at Chih Chia Wan. The man's wife escaped through the back door. But they took away four basins.
329. Feb. 1st, at 10 A.M. a Japanese soldier came to Hentung Chuan Lung Hsiang and asked a boy aged 11 for girls. When the little boy answered no, they slapped both cheeks. The soldier took away a brasskettle just filled with hot water.
330. Feb. 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Kiang returned to their home at Pei Hsia Lu about 10 A.M. Seven or eight Japanese soldiers broke in their house and forced Mr. Kiang to go out with the intention to do something bad to his wife. However, the soldiers seeing that Mr. Kiang wore an armband of the International Committee went away finally.
331. Feb. 2nd, 10 A.M. Ma's wife at Chung Hua Men while nearing the gates was raped by a Japanese soldier.

NOTE: The above 23 cases completes those filed up till afternoon
for Feb. 1, 2, 3. 29,
Feb. 3rd. They luckily are not as violent as those for Jan. 30, 31st.

Part of this may be that the refugees have learned that the chief danger is to young women, and, as we know, are making other arrangements for the young women in the family wherever possible. But the continual search for young women, robbery, and impressment,

seriously interfere with the people starting their normal life. Since the chief danger does seem to be to young women, we hope to be able to keep some of the camps open for young women at least.

The return of people to their homes does not end the relief problem, especially when their economic life cannot get started under present conditions. Rather, the return home makes it more difficult to help them. It will require a much larger field staff and new methods. Our Rehabilitation Committee is working on these plans now. The 50,000 people who have been receiving free rice will still have to depend on some free source of ~~the~~ food. And we expect this number to increase rather than decrease and that the relief problem will last at least through the month of April.

Below are cases occurring before Feb. 1st that we were not able to get typed up for our issue of Feb. 1st.

332. Jan. 31st, Mrs. Lee returned to her home at Chang Lo Chieh. She is 63 years old. She slept in her home that night and at about 7 or 8 p.m. some Japanese soldiers came and asked for money. Early next morning she fled back to the camp with all her cash lost; fortunately she was not hurt.
333. Jan. 31st, at 8 P.M. two soldiers came to the home of an old woman, 71 years old, who lives at Ho Fan Ave. in the San Pai Lou district. They crawled to the top of her hut, evidently to listen whether there were any girls inside. When the old woman heard the noise on the roof she came out and they came down. They went in and asked her for girls but she said there were none whereupon they beat her. They tried to take off her trousers but she resisted. So they hit her over the head with something they had picked up in the house. (Magee)
334. Jan. 29th, Mr. Lu who is one of the Sheng Kung Hwei inquirers and lives in the Kwantung Sing Ts'uen on Ta Fang Hsiang where some of our Christians are living, was stopped ~~by~~ at "Lion" Bridge between San Pai Lou and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by a soldier who searched him and took ~~from~~ ten dimes from him, all the money the soldier could find. His friend was searched and had 40 cents taken by the same man. (Magee)

335. Mr. Wei on his way from getting his hair cut met three Japanese soldiers who pulled him to a bamboo forest and took away from him \$3.80 and seven packages of cigarettes.
336. Jan. 29th, Mrs. Li returned to her home with her son at Sze Tiao Hsing. Three Japanese soldiers went there and robbed fifty cents from her. They then returned to the camp.
337. Jan. 29th, Mr. Yao returned to Chan Fu Yuan, his home, in the afternoon. Some Japanese soldiers robbed 2 cases of matches from them that day. On the 30th, some Japanese went there a sin and stripped off the clothes from all members of his family, including an 80-year old woman, to find if they had money. But they had none. At the same time, Mr. Zee of the next door was robbed of \$3.50. On Feb. 1st, there came three Japanese soldiers searching in the same way. They intend to return to the camp.
338. Jan. 31st, morning, Mrs. Wang returned home. Three Japanese soldiers went there and asked for some young girls. As she did not have any, the soldiers threatened her with daggers and tried to rob some money in vain. Under such condition, she had to return to the camp.
339. Jan. 29th at noon, a bean curd shop at Men Tung Yin Fu Kai was opened. At 10 P.M. on Jan. 31st four Japanese soldiers came and robbed the man of all his earnings, little over \$20.00.
340. Jan. 30, A.M. four Japanese soldiers (one in plain clothes) came to Wang's house at 49 Ying Yang Yin and took away a dollar from his body. In the evening they came again and broke in through the back door. Fortunately the women escaped through the front door and hid themselves outside.
341. At No. 30 Chiang Yi Road Japanese soldiers constantly come for girls and take away all the best food.
342. Jan. 31, P.M. one Japanese soldier entered the house of Mrs. Loh, aged 41, at Chih Shao Yui, with evil purpose. Fortunately there were many males, she got away unviolated. But one dollar on the table for buying rice was snapped away. The soldier used the butt of a pistol to beat the men.
343. Jan. 27th, at 8 p.m. four Japanese soldiers came and raped two Wu sisters, aged 24 and 21, at Hwa An Lee, under the point of bayonets. ("A letter from two raped girls")
The soldiers returned again on the 29th looking for the same girls. On the 27th they also took a gold ring.
344. Jan. 29th, Mrs. Chu at Hwang Mi Kan had soldiers loot her house and frighten her with bayonets for demanding young women.
345. Jan. 30th, Japanese soldiers looted the house of Sze Fu I and raped a woman. His house is at Shih Koo Lu.
346. Jan. 27th, Japanese soldiers took away the baggage of Mrs. Tsien on Chung Shan Tung Lu.

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347. Jan. 30th, Mrs. Yeh was raped by a Japanese soldier at Nanking Theological Seminary.
348. Jan. 27th, a Japanese soldier attempted to rape Mrs. Tsien at Tsao Soo Hsiang.
349. Jan. 28th, two Japanese soldiers attempted to rape Mrs. Wang at Ping Sze Chieh.
350. Jan. 29th, Miss Ma's house at Ling Chuen Hsiang was looted.
351. Jan. 30th, 11 A.M. two Japanese soldiers took away ~~2~~ two young girls and raped them, from the home of Mr. Shaw at Tsao Soo Hsiang.
352. Jan. 29th, a Japanese soldier came with a bayonet demanding young women from Peh Lien-shi on Hwang Ni Kong.
353. Jan. 29th, Hwang Chen Shih, at Tsai Er Hsiang, aged 39, was raped by Japanese soldiers ~~244/224~~ over ten times by turn.
354. Jan. 20th, Lu Ni Shih, aged 31, at Tsai Er Hsiang, was raped by Japanese soldiers by turn over one whole day and she is now a person of disability.
355. Jan. 29th, P.M. Japanese soldiers looted the clothes and other articles from Mrs. Ling at Ping An Hsiang.
356. Jan. 30th, P.M. three Japanese soldiers forced Mrs. Moo at Tai Ping Chiao with bayonets for young women.
357. Jan. 29th, P.M. Japanese soldiers forced a woman named Chang with bayonets for young women, at Shih Ku Lu.
358. Jan. 28th, Wang Ching Shih at Liu Yeh Chieh had Japanese soldier come wanting women and searched for money.
359. Jan. 27th, P.M. soldiers came to Yu Yen Mao's house at Ma Yung and demanded bedding and money.
360. Jan. 28th, P.M. Japanese soldiers searched Mrs. Chu's house ~~44~~ for bedding, clothes and money.
361. Jan. 27, P.M. three Japanese soldiers surrounded Mrs. Shen at Tung Tiao Yu Hsiang demanding young women.
362. Jan. 30th, P.M. Japanese soldiers looted Mrs. Chow ~~44~~ of money and bedding.
363. Jan. 28th, Japanese soldiers looted Mrs. Yu at Ping Sze Chieh of bedding and other things.
364. Jan. 28th, Japanese soldiers took away one dollar and frightened Mrs. Liu at Ling Chuen Hsiang, wanting women.
365. Jan. 29th, A.M. Japanese soldier/ demanded women from Ma Chang Nien at Ping Shih Chieh.

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- 366. Jan. 29th, Mrs. Ho, aged 58, returned to her home at Hwei Lung Chieh, but was raped by Japanese soldiers two times so she came back to the camp.
- 367. Jan. 30th, Mrs. Chow at Gung Yuan Lu was raped by Japanese soldier three times.
- 368. Jan. 29th, Mrs. Yang at Tran Ban Hsiang, aged 21, was raped by three Japanese soldiers.
- 369. Feb. 2nd, Chiu I Hsien at Kwan Hwa Lu was looted of her clothes and basin, etc, by two Japanese soldiers.

A NEW QUESTION FOR THE SPHINX: If a poor population is robbed for over seven weeks and the robbing continues and no economic income develops, what will result?

"A change of troops" is hardly an adequate excuse because there is no change of people and no chance to replenish the money or other resources taken from the population.

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NOTE: Below are additional cases between Jan. 28th and noon Feb. 3rd.

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370. Feb. 2nd, 2 p.m./Japanese soldiers came to Wang Foo Hsiang with bayonets and asked Mr. Wang for girls. When he told them there were none, they hit him.
371. Feb. 1st, Mr. Wang reports that at 5:30 P.M. three Japanese soldiers came to Tien Mo Road to ask for girls. Fortunately his wife was hidden in the kitchen. The soldiers then took away \$8.60 with from.
372. Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Peh went home to Si Shih Bai Gai. When she went out to pour out the stool, she met three Japanese soldiers who pulled her to go with them. She knelt down before them telling them that her mother-in-law was sick and also the house master proved her words being true, so the soldiers went to her home, finding out that her mother-in-law was really sick, they released her. (Chopped by her thumb.)
373. Feb. 3rd, A.M. Mrs. Liu returned home and while she was walking in the front of the door of Sung Yuan, Er Tien Hong, Si Hwa Men, she was pulled by three Japanese soldiers to a foreign style house and was raped there and also her garment was bayoneted. (Chopped by her right hand 2nd finger.)
374. Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Ching returned to her home at Mei Tan Chieh, Chung Hwa Men, but while she just arrived at the front door of her home, a Japanese soldier stood at the door preventing her from entering the house and also pulled her in an attempt to rape her. The woman was released after repeated requests but the soldier beat her before he went away. (Chopped by her right hand 2nd finger.)
375. Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Ma returned home and while she was walking in front of a house on Tung Ren Chieh, she met three Japanese soldiers who dragged her to an empty house and then raped her by turn. (Chopped by her right hand 2nd finger.)
376. Feb. 1st, Mrs. Dai returned home and while she was in the street named Nei Lu Chieh, she met two Japanese soldiers who looted one silver ear ring. (Chopped by her right hand 2nd finger)
377. Feb. 3rd, Mr. Chen returned home and while he was in Tung Kwan Tao, he met two Japanese soldiers who asked him for young girls. As he replied "none", the soldiers bayoneted his loin and thus he was wounded. (Chopped with left hand 2nd finger)
378. Jan. 30th, Mrs. Chen went home and while she was walking on the street of Shih Ban Chieh, she met three Japanese soldiers who pulled her to Hen Mao Gian Yuan (a shop) and raped her by turn. When rape was finished, she was released. (Chopped by her right hand send finger.)
379. Jan. 31st, about noon, three Japanese soldiers broke into the house of Mr. Lee on Yen Chia Kan Tse near Chi Chia Wan and demanded girls, to which he answered "No". Then they took away one dollar.

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380. Feb. 1st, Chang Chin-mei was robbed of \$7.90 and 30 coppers by Japanese soldiers in a small lane in HwaChiao Road.
381. Feb. 1st, while registering at Kao Pang \$3.30 and 15 coppers were robbed from Chan Hwang-ho at Chuan Sze Hsiang by Japanese soldiers.
382. Feb. 1st, Wu Chang-seng returned to his home at Kwang Hwa Men (outside) and after arriving seven Japanese soldiers ~~At~~ there brought an old woman and order them to make sexual connection together. The Japanese soldiers laughed by the side.
383. Feb. 1st, Sen Kwi-hsin on his way home to Chang Ching Lo was robbed of \$7.60.
384. Feb. 2nd, Yih Li Shih after returning to her home at east end of Hsih Chia Hsiang, Japanese soldiers entered her room at night time intending to rape.
385. Feb. 2nd, Yih Chang Shih was raped successively by two Japanese soldiers at Yin Mah Hsiang.
386. Feb. 2nd, Chao Fang-yung while returning home met Japanese soldiers before Municipal Hall and they robbed him of \$5.30 and some tens of coppers.
387. Feb. 2nd, Ma Lao-tai returned home and soldiers came demanding young girls.
388. Feb. 3rd, Wu Loh Shih on returning to her home at Wu Pu Chieh met soldiers who intended to rape her but fortunately she was saved.
389. Jan. 28, Liu Lee Shih had Japanese soldiers strongly press her for money at Ju Wang Chun.
390. Jan. 29, Chang Ma Shih was raped by Japanese soldiers behind Min Sing Theatre, Sze Hsiang Chiao.
391. Jan. 29, Lee Fee Shih was raped successively by two Japanese soldiers at Hei Long Hsiang.
392. Jan. 29, Japanese soldiers demanded to silver finger rings and later threatened ~~with~~ with a dagger Tsai Loh Shih before Hsien Ping Tuan in Chukiang Road.
393. Jan. 29, a silver ring was robbed from Lee Chang Shih before the Hsien Ping Tuan in Chukiang Road and she was threatened with a dagger.
394. Jan. 29, May Lee Shih was chased by a Japanese soldier with a dagger in his hand near Yu Sze Lang but fortunately she got rid of his hand.
395. Jan. 29, Liu Pin-yuan met three Japanese soldiers who demanded his watch and banknotes with dagger in hand, on Shan Shao Lee.

396. Jan. 30, Chao Chiu Shih met a Japanese soldier at Wa Chin Chiao who induced her to a small lane and searched money from her.
397. Jan. 30, Yang Chen Shih returned home to Gwei Piao, was raped and money demanded of her by a Japanese who threatened her with a dagger in ~~the~~ the night.
398. Jan. 30, Chang Wang Shih returned to her home outside of Chung Hwa Men and was raped and money demanded of her by Japanese soldiers.
399. Jan. 30, Wang Kiang Shih had Japanese soldiers search her body for money and slap her at the Red Temple.
400. Jan. 29th, Mr. Wei King-sung of Tien Ho Road reports that two Japanese soldiers came at 2:00 P.M. One soldier guarded the door while the other went upstairs and raped his cousin-in-law. Her mother knelt down to beg only to be smashed and be pointed by a bayonet.
401. Jan. 29th, 10:00 A.M. Mr. Chen of Ying Yang Ying reports that two Japanese soldiers came to demand girls. His mother ardently begged and pacified them. However one dollar and a little more was taken away by the soldiers.
402. Jan. 29th, 8 P.M. two plain dressed Japanese soldiers came to Ma's house at Tou Ts'ai Chiao asking for girls saying that they simply needed them for the night and would return them next morning, even promising to give the family rice, money, and clothes. In spite of the pleadings from many people, they said, "Noting doing" and would call for them again tomorrow morning.
403. Jan. 31st, morning, attempted to rape a girl of 14 at Ta Fang Hsiang,
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404. Jan. 30, some Japanese soldiers came to the home of Mr. Cheng on Heiao / Lee Psi Sze of Tsi Chia Wan and tried to rape a girl of ten. After ardently begging him, the girl was freed.
404. Jan. 30th, Mrs. Hu who stays at Hu Chue Kwan, while doing some cooking, was almost raped by Japanese soldiers had not her mother gotten them to free her.
405. Jan. 29th, some Japanese soldiers went to a house and tried to do something bad to a girl of ten; her father ~~then~~ begged, but the Japanese soldiers stabbed and hurt his neck, while at the same time they kicked the girl.
406. Jan. 30, two Japanese soldiers came to the house of Mr. Shou, who had moved home to Kao Chia Wine Shop on Jan. 25th, at 11 a.m. and demanded girls to which he answered "No." Then the soldiers with bayonets pointing at him took away one golden ring and a watch.

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