

REPORTS OF THE REHABILITATION COMMISSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE,
NANKING. MONTHS OF FEBRUARY & MARCH 1938.

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REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE REHABILITATION COMMISSION.

The month of March was a busy month for the Rehabilitation Commission. The head office and the four branches were functioned at their full swing, as I had already reported in the previous staff meetings. Besides, we tried to transfer over from the cash relief to the work relief as quickly as possible. Some new phases of work were also started.

Mail Service Work for Refugees. For those who were hard up in Nanking while they could get help from their relatives in Shanghai or elsewhere we wrote letters for them asking for sending money to Nanking. Some brought good result, for instance, a lady by name of Mrs. Loh Nan Ping, whose husband is with the Customs House, Ichang, stayed in our Shuantang Refugee Camp. Later on she was sent by Mr. Mills to the University Hospital for giving the birth of child, and when we closed Shuantang Camp we took her to the University of Nanking Camp. We wrote a letter for her to the Personnel Department, Customs House, Shanghai, for help on March 10, and a reply was received from Shanghai Customs House on March 27 authorizing us to advance Mrs. Loh \$40, and on March 30 a letter from Mr. Loh Nan Ping, Ichang, was also received, a copy of which is attached.

Banking Service for Refugees. We have also written letters to Shanghai enclosing refugees' bank pass books or deposit slips for withdrawal of money through our hands. Though we have not received any reply from Shanghai, we hope to get favourable answers in the near future.

Securing Passes for Refugees to go to Shanghai. Special arrangements were made with the Self-Government Committee so that reliable refugees with our recommendation could obtain special railway pass to go to Shanghai. We have already secured some, but as this is a special favour of the Self-Government Committee, we do not put in publicity but will only recommend those whom we know well.

Secured Blank An Chu Cheng. We also received from the Self-Government Committee 100 blank An Chu Cheng. This is also filled out carefully and quietly for refugees who need them.

Cash Relief. From the statement attached we can note that the total number of families helped up to the end of March was 12145. The total amount of money given was \$42,725, at an average of \$3.52 per family. This is almost one-seventh of the families in Nanking receiving our cash relief. We feel the fundamental help to all the people of Nanking is nearly completed, and we are turning our attention to work relief with cash relief still continuing on a small scale.

Work Relief. We attach hereto a complete statement of work relief from March 1 to March 31 inclusive. Some new fields of work relief have been started on April 1, such as, helping the Red Swastika Society to hire 200 labourers to bury corpses and coffins, helping the Second District of the Self-Government Committee to employ 100 labourers to clean streets, and helping the University of Nanking to hire 100 to 200 farmers to start the farming work outside of Taipingmen and to employ labourers to clean the Safety Zone. I will report this work in detail at the next meeting.

Monthly Maintenance Allowance for the Staff. We have paid \$1,243.- to the staff as a monthly maintenance allowance for the month of March. This includes the men who worked with Dr. Smythe's Survey Work, and also includes some of the men sent to the countries for the survey of economic conditions there.

Suggestions. We hope that the Committee and the Food Commission will grant us rice and wheat for the means of help to strengthen the cash relief, as I wrote them in my letter of March 30, copy of which is also attached.

W. Lowe,
Rehabilitation Commissioner.

April 2, 1938.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE REHABILITATION COMMISSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, NANKING,
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1938.

	March 1-10	March 11-20	March 21-31	Total Mar.	Total Feb.	Total Feb. & Mar.
No. Families Investigated:						
Head Office Area	2432	1825	1822	6079	3198	9277
South City	1346	750	796	2894	558	3452
Central City	417	655	739	1861		1861
North City	38	540	793	1371		1371
Shuantang		416	909	1325		1325
Total	4235	4186	5109	13530	3756	17286
No. Families Helped:						
Head Office Area	2016	1387	1396	4799	2460	7259
South City	667	376	458	1501	429	1930
Central City	330	424	420	1174		1174
North City		348	414	762		762
Shuantang		306	714	1020		1020
Total	3013	2841	3402	9256	2889	12145
No. Old Men Helped	1368	1037	1161	3566	850	4416
No. Adults "	1242	1970	2175	5387	1340	6727
No. Children "	2394	2152	2555	7101	1800	8901
No. Old Lonely "	252	240	231	723	181	904
No. Orphans "	30	71	15	116	29	145
Total Male "	5286	5470	6137	16893	4200	21093
No. Old Women "	1101	1027	1185	3313	780	4093
No. Women "	1404	1342	2385	5131	1308	6439
No. Girls "	2197	2085	2465	6747	1710	8457
No. Old Lonely "	310	279	253	842	210	1052
No. Orphans "	45	66	16	127	32	159
No. Widows "	483	445	596	1524	381	1905
Total Female "	5540	5244	6900	17684	4421	22105
Total Male & Female Helped	10826	10714	13037	34577	8621	43198
No. Sicks sent to Hospital	15	21	58	94	18	112
No. Houses Burnt	848	1031	1013	2892	742	3634
Owned	98		307	405	102	507
Rented	750	1031	706	2487	640	3127
Value Lost	398470	435933	584073	1418476	354616	1773092
Amount of Money Lost	85404	46147	190112	221663	68790	290453
No. Beddings Lost	4078	3191	5052	12321	3080	15401
No. Clothes Lost	18976	20814	32555	72345	18086	90431
No. Males Lost	489	364	700	1553	388	1941
No. Females Assaulted	361	205	196	762	190	952
No. Beddings given	107	81	464	652	16	668
No. Free Soup Tickets given	200	293	451	944	247	1191
No. Towels given	12	16	11	39	12	51
No. Cotton-padded Clothes given	10	158	382	550	8	558
No. Beans distributed (Tons)		103.7	284.5	388.2		388.2
Milk Powder given (lbs.)		27	40½	67½		67½
Codliver Oil given (oz.)		311	810	1121		1121
No. Coffins given	1			1		
No. Introduced to work	26	366	838	1230		1230

W. Lowe,
Rehabilitation Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF CASH RELIEF OF THE REHABILITATION COMMISSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, NANKING.

Feb. 7 to Mar. 31, 1938.

No. Families Helped:

Investigated by	Head Office	7259	
"	" South City Office	1930	
"	" Central "	1174	
"	" North City "	762	
"	" Shuantang "	<u>1020</u>	<u>12,145.</u>

Money paid to the Refugees:

Recommended by	Head Office	\$27,201.00	
"	" South City Office	6,080.00	
"	" Central "	3,263.00	
"	" North "	2,709.00	
"	" Shwantang "	<u>3,472.00</u>	<u>\$42,725.00</u>

Average per family

\$3.52

Daily Work Relief Report
of the
Rehabilitation Commission of the International Relief Committee
NANKING

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Labours</u>	<u>What Work</u>	<u>Wages Paid</u>
March 8th	2	Cleaned North City Office	\$.80
March 10th	21	Moved 10 bags beans to 5 Ninghai Road.	8.40
March 10th	4	Buried a coffin outside Tungchamen	1.60
March 11th	21	Moved 10 bags beans to 2nd District	8.40
March 13th	31	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	12.40
March 14th	31	"do"	12.40
March 15th	34	"do"	13.60
March 16th	30	"do"	12.00
March 17th	36	"do"	14.40
March 17th	10	Cleaned Shuangtang Office	4.00
March 18th	10	"do"	4.00
March 18th	39	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	15.60
March 19th	40	"do"	16.00
March 19th	40	Moved 40 bags beans to 4 Branch offices	16.00
March 20th	38	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	15.20
March 21st	53	"do"	21.20
March 21st	10	Moved blankets and clothes from War College to 5 Ninghai Road	4.00
March 22nd	21	Cleaned War College	8.20
March 22nd	50	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	20.00
March 23rd	19	Cleaned War College	7.60
	<u>540</u>		<u>\$ 215.80</u>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Labours</u>	<u>What Work</u>	<u>Wages Paid</u>
Bal. B/F	540		
March 23rd	58	sacking wheat outside Hansimen	\$ 215.80 \$ 23.20
March 23rd	10	Cleaned Road near Shuangtang office	4.00
March 24th	56	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	22.40
March 24th	22	Cleaned War College	8.80
March 24th	10	Cleaned road near Shuangtang office	4.00
March 25th	57	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	22.80
March 25th	22	Cleaned war College	8.80
March 25th	4	moved coffins from Ji Kang Road to Tung Hwa Yuan	1.60
March 25th	18	Moved 10 bags beans from Pao Tai Street to Shen Chow Road and another 10 bags to 5 Ninghai road	7.20
March 25th	10	Cleaned road near Shuangtang office	4.00
March 26th	59	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	23.60
March 26th	23	Cleaned War College	9.20
March 27th	57	Sacking wheat outside Hansimen	22.80
March 27th	23	Cleaned War College	9.20
March 27th	6	Moved rice & wheat from Nanking U to 5 Ninghai Rd.	1.20
March 28th	14	Sacking & moving rice & wheat outside Hansimen	5.60
March 28th	2	Moved rice from 5 Ninghai Rd. to Chau Tien Kung	.80
March 28th	27	Cleaned War College	10.80
March 28th	10	Cleaned Road near Shuangtang Office	4.00
	1028		\$409.80

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Labours</u>	<u>What Work</u>	<u>Wages Paid</u>
Bal. B/F	1028		409.80
March 29th	16	Moved Beans from Pao Tai Kai to 5 Ninghai Road	6.40
March 29th	24	Cleaned War College	9.60
March 29th	39	Sacking rice & wheat outside Hansimen	12.40
March 30th	38	Ditto.	15.20
March 30th	25	Cleaned War College	10.00
March 31st	25	Ditto.	10.00
March 31st	42	Sacking rice & wheat outside Hansimen	16.80
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Custom House, Ichang,

March 22, 1938.

W. Lowe, Esquire,
The International Relief Committee,
Nanking.

Dear Sir,

Words can hardly express my profound gratitude for your taking my wife as a refugee under your care in these terror-stricken war days and for your kind information of her whereabouts. Indeed, I have not received any news from my wife since she left Shanghai on the 24th November last, and God knows in what condition and how worried I have been as to what has happened to her.

Your information was relaid to me through wire by Capt. L.R. Carrel, the Coast Inspector of Shanghai Customs, on the 18th instant. Today I have further received a letter from Mr. L.Y. Chen, the Marine Assistant, informing me that he has requested you to advance a sum of \$40.00 to my wife as the remittance between Nanking and Shanghai is interrupted at present. He also informs me that he will refund you as soon as circumstances permit.

I beg you would kindly pass the enclosed letter to my wife, and if safe and possible help my wife return to Shanghai.

I am as sorry as grateful while I make these repeated appeals since you are the only one who could extend me a helpful hand in this critical moment. Allow me to thank you once again.

Very gratefully yours,

(Sd.) Loh Nan Ping.

(Copy)

March 30th 1938.

Mr. H. L. Sone, Director,
Mr. H. L. Han, Food Commissioner,
International Relief Committee, Nanking.

Dear Sirs:-

Inasmuch as the cash relief has been cut down considerably at present and the demand of the community for which is still high, may I suggest that we distribute rice and wheat among the very destitute people for the substitutions of the ready paid cash.

I feel that we have given free rice to the refugees staying in our camps since last December, and it will be fair to give to the people who need rice living outside of the camps too. We often found there were many families who could be better helped with rice and wheat than money. We helped them with money, because we knew we were short of rice and wheat in the hands of the Committee, and they could buy them with our cash relief. Now, it is time, I presume, for me to ask for rice and wheat as means for relief.

We are not asking much rice and wheat at present, but we do hope that the Committee will kindly grant to the Rehabilitation Commission, say, three bags of rice and wheat respectively per day for experiment. Should we need more later on, I will report the cases and reasons for your further consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(sd.) W. Lowe,
Chairman of the Rehabilitation Commission.