

Bates

May 13th, 1938.

Dear Doctor Imai,

I enclose herewith copies of the cases you asked for as follows: "Z" 8, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 33b, 45, 50, 55. You will note that these documents run from December 16th to February 8th and cover from Case No. 1 to No. 444, with some gaps because I do not have copies available. Our official file of cases runs through document 268 dated March 21st, Cases Nos. 460--470. As we told you last night cases continue to occur up to now but we are no longer the place of reference and intimidation against "telling the foreigners" makes many cases come to us now in indirect ways.

These cases were all submitted to the Japanese Embassy through case 179 on January 4th. After that they were submitted as "Notes on the Present Situation" to the officers of the American, British and German Embassies at their request. The big group occurring at the time of eviction the first week of February were submitted to Mr. S. Hidaka of Shanghai when he was here.

I also take the liberty of enclosing copies of our letters of December 17th and 18th---when things were about their hottest, which explains our restrained pre-emptory tone! These two letters (Z9, Z10 with enclosures) give the most complete statement of the stand taken by the Safety Zone Committee. Only two concrete results came, and they tardily, the stationing of guards (not an unmixed blessing though!) at entrances of a few camps on American territory, and the



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to stay out of the Zone on December 27th, i.e. ten days later.

We are not interested in merely dragging up the past but we sincerely hope that authorities in Tokyo will take the necessary steps to prevent the continuance of such depredations in other parts of China as they are occupied. For we have learned since that Nanking was in no wise a special case because it was the capital. In fact many other less important places fared worse. But here and Hangchow were the only place any considerable number of Westerners were on hand to observe, report and protest. Protest by the Chinese people was useless for they were branded as "a conquered people" and asked "what do you mean talking to us?"

It is with heavy heart I give to you these cases on the day marking five months of occupation of Nanking by Japanese troops. And I assure you that we are sincerely interested in seeing such action by armies anywhere in the world disappear from the face of the earth.

Yours for the Prince of Peace,

Cordially yours,

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