

October 14, 1939.

American Advisory Committee on Civilian Relief in China,
British Fund for China Relief,
Shanghai,

Gentlemen:-

We address to each of your Committees identic copies of this letter, with a brief memorandum on "Outlook and Policy of the Nanking International Relief Committee" and a longer paper called "Selective Report of Relief Procedure". You are familiar with the main lines of our work, and have had copies of our printed report covering work from 1937 till early in the summer of 1939.

To the considerations in the accompanying memoranda, we wish to add one point of information. As shown in our printed report, page 45, nearly four-fifths of the contributions made to the International Committee have come from Chinese sources. Although the gifts from your Committees were very useful and significant, totalling nearly \$100,000, we have not previously had to call upon you for a major share of the load. But at the present time we have reason to hope only for small and slow gifts from Chinese or private foreign sources. To a large extent your ability and interest will determine the possibilities of our service to the Nanking population.

Our primary concern is with the 40,000 persons in families having little or no possibility of current earnings. To give these persons one month's rice at the moderate rate of two tan each, would require 8,000 shih tan, costing at today's prices \$104,000. We desire to use our own small funds to cover the several thousands of new arrivals who are in the same categories as the 40,000 found in our past experience, and if possible to add a few beans and minor additional aids.

We present, therefore, an earnest appeal for \$100,000 to be made available for immediate purchase of grain.