

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NANKING SAFETY ZONE

December 26, 1937.

The Imperial Japanese Embassy,

Nanking.

Dear Sirs:

We present herewith cases numbered 137 to 154. We are glad to report that cases are decline and the conditions are much improved. But effort is still needed to clean up the situation.

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There are three places that have been having trouble (1) at night, especially: the Bible Teachers Training School Refugee Camp where seven soldiers have come to rape girls the last four nights, last night even spending the night there; (2) Hankow Road Primary School Refugee Camp; and (3) the Wutaishan Primary School Refugee Camp.

Mr. Fitch and I called at your Embassy this afternoon about this matter and asked that military police be stationed at these three places for at least a few nights so as to clear up this situation.

Thanking you for your strenuous efforts to help in these matters and for the improved situation in the Zone, I am

Respectfully yours,



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144. Dec. 23d. Japanese soldiers continued to rob the people, a drunk soldier hit a refugee on the head and raped a woman. Three or four times soldiers came and took away women. (Wu Tai Shan Primary School Refugee Camp,)  
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145. Dec. 23d. 8:15 P.M./Japanese soldiers took away 4 girls. Dec. 24, 9:00 A.M. Japanese soldiers came in three times, each time three or four who troubled the people and at 2:00 P.M. took cloth, money and supplies. (Bible Teachers Training School Refugee Camp.)
146. Dec. 23d. 3:00 P.M. 2 Japanese soldiers came to the Hankow Primary School Refugee Camp searching for property and then raped a Miss Hwang of the staff. It was immediately reported to the Japanese Special Service Military Police. They sent Military Police to get the soldiers who had left, so they took the girl to their office and held her as witness. The same evening, other Japanese soldiers came and raped Mrs. Wang's daughter. About 7:00 P.M. 3 other Japanese soldiers raped two young girls, one of whom was only 13 years old. (Cheng Ta-chen, Head of the Refugees House at Hankow Road Primary School.)
147. Dec. 24. 4 Japanese soldiers took away 12 coolies from the Sanitation office in charge of Mr. Ma, I Ho Road, No. 6. (Fitch)
148. Dec. 25, night 7 Japanese soldiers came to Bible Teachers Training School Refugee Camp and stayed all night. During the day at 9:00 4 soldiers came and at 2:00 3 soldiers came and took cloth, and money. (B.T.T.S.) They raped 2 women, one only 12 years old.
149. Dec. 25, 10:00 A.M. Mr. Riggs of our Committee was stopped on Hankow Road by an officer of the Inspection Corps and grabbed, hit, and slapped Mr. Riggs. (See letter of Dec. 25th) (Riggs)
150. Dec. 25, 2 buffaloes were taken from the shop yard of the University of Nanking by Japanese soldiers. Place: 11 Hu Chia Tsai Yuen. (Riggs)
151. Dec. 22. two Japanese soldiers raped a refugee girl, aged 13, at the U. of N. Sericulture Building and her mother was hurt when she tried to stop them. Another woman of 28 years was also raped. On the 23d, 4:00 A.M. two girls were taken by Japanese soldiers but Japanese gendarme met them and the Japanese soldiers fled. (H.K.Wu, Sub-Commissioner of Police)
152. Dec. 25. Several Japanese soldiers took away the wheels of two large type fire pump engines at 3:00 P.M. The Safety Zone Fire Department had 4 fire engines (cars) and 12 pumps. But in the last ten days nearly all have been taken by the Japanese soldiers. The pumps we have now are either destroyed or without wheels. Only one pump is useable. (Y.H.Yung, Head of Police Dept.)
153. Dec. 25. A 15 year old girl, Miss Li, was taken away by Japanese officer and two soldiers from 14 Kuleo Hsintsun. (C.Y.Hsu)
154. Dec. 26. 4:00 P.M. A girl 13 years old was raped by 3 Japanese soldiers at Chen Chia Shilai No. 6. (Wang)