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Refugees in the Occupied Areas

The Japanese Army Takes Responsibility for Relief

There is No Need for Third Parties to Help

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The Nanking International Committee on the eleventh announced that for the purpose of aiding refugees it had entrusted to an English ship the transport of 100 tons of Ts'an-tou (beans) for landing in Nanking, but claimed that it was prevented by the Japanese Army. The fact that a protest was made by the American Ambassador to Japan, shows that foreigners in Nanking are continually maintaining toward the Japanese Army the attitude of official censors. In every incident that arises from this high-and-mighty attitude, Britain and America take a joint step, a point worthy of notice. In reply the ideas of the Japanese authorities on the spot are set forth for the consideration of foreign circles which do not understand the circumstances:

The Japanese Army is indeed exerting itself to the limit of its ability in relief work for the refugees of the occupied areas. Therefore there is no need for supplementary effort by third parties. Moreover, the Japanese Army cannot pass over the attitude of the irresponsible International Committee, under whatever name it may use, if it does not respect the enterprise of the Japanese Army in directly undertaking the relief of refugees. However, this is certainly not to deny the (good) purpose of the Committee. If only the Committee would show its intention to confer upon the local military authorities or the Chinese regional Self-Government Committee the responsibility for management, then there would be no reason for failure to respect its good purpose.