

ITEM FROM REPORT OF GINLING COLLEGE REFUGEE CAMP -- May 13, 1938.

"Incident which is indicative of what is going on the city:

Happened last Tuesday night, May 10, at 10 p. m.

Place - this side of San Paili Lou at Dung Meng Diai

Liu Lao Tai-tai. More than 50 years old.

Two soldiers went to the home about 10 p. m. Could not force the door open and therefore went in through window. Found themselves in room of Liu Lao Tai-tai. Asked her to turn over young women. She refused and said she would notify their officer, the headquarters being not far away. When the old woman started to go out they stabbed her in the face twice and in the breast once or more. She died.

Question? If incidents like this are happening in many parts of the city and we by closing camps send home several thousand young women are we making matters worse? Can anything be done to prevent such incidents from happening? For instance can we notify the Japanese officials that these women are being sent home and that we now put the responsibility on them of controlling their soldiers? That all cases of misdemeanor will be reported to them? (And to the world?) I know that if I had a young daughter I would hate to make her go to the south or east part of the city to live.

Sincerely yours,

Minnie Vautrin. "