

NANKING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

5 Ninghai Road

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April 23rd, 1938.

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Mr. E. W. Jeffery, British Embassy,
Mr. John M. Allison, American Embassy,
Nanking.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith for your information regarding the work of the Nanking International Relief Committee the following documents:

1. "Preliminary Summary of Accounts, December 1, 1937--
March 31st, 1938.
2. "Revised Budget for April and May. (April 16th, 1938)."
3. "Report of Activities, November 22, 1937--April 15, 1938".
4. "War Relief in Nanking, April 30, 1938".
5. "Distribution of Beans, April 9th, 1938".

The first two documents give you a summary of the cash handled by the Committee in its relief work for the six months from December 1, 1937, to May 31st, 1938. They do not include commodities given to the Committee, a report of which will be made later. However, the total money value of commodities and cash put into relief during the five months to April 30th is given in the "War Relief in Nanking," \$251,900.00.

The resources remaining in the hands of the Committee May 31st will be: \$10,000 reserved for care of widows, orphans, and other dependents, 2450 bags of wheat, and some gasoline. Further funds will be necessary in order to carry on such relief work as we expect to be necessary after that date.

The "Report of Activities" to April 15th is an historical summary and "War Relief in Nanking, April 30th" gives a more concrete picture of what we are doing now. The latter is projected from April 20th to 30th on the basis of actual current operations. It is not to be published until May 1st.

The "Distribution of Beans" ---beans in which you all had a part in shipping and landing in Nanking!---shows that 97.5 per cent of the beans were distributed through our own relief agencies. There is a one per cent loss which we assume was eaten by somebody and so contributed to prevention of beri beri just the same! Thus endeth the reading of the bean lesson.

Thanking you again for your ready assistance in many troublesome aspects of this work and asking you to please thank the officers of your respective gunboats for their very valuable help in transporting supplies and transmitting messages, I am

Most gratefully and respectfully yours,

Lewis S.C. Smythe

Lewis S.C. Smythe, Secretary and Treasurer

P.S. The "Report of Activities" was drafted as a confidential report to supporting relief agencies rather than as a statement for publication.