

Telegram Received from Nanking, dated 2nd February 1938.

Following for Han Lih Wu.

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Your telegram of January 28th. Thanks for your interest. Fitch temporarily in Shanghai. Food problem urgent we got 9,000 bags of rice, 1,000 bags of flour before occupation none (?) To date 4,200 bags of rice and 1,000 bags of flour released by authorities for sale through selected government Committee. 3,000 bags of rice given to Red Swastika and 2,000 bags of rice now promised free distribution outside zone. People have existed up to the present on private family stocks and flour furnished by our Committee. These supplies nearing exhaustion no other dependable supply yet arranged. Committee has rice for free distribution for two weeks more. All attempts to secure foodstuffs or purchase supplies here or in Shanghai refused. No sale or delivery of rice in zone allowed. On January 28th, order issued 60,000 people in 25 camps must return home or be driven out February 4th: movements out began today. Conditions in (?) zone bad particularly for women and families with burned shops. Are trying to negotiate delay and help people returning home in all practicable ways: zone has been comparatively safe since December 27th when soldiers excluded. You cannot ship rice. Will telegraph again regarding funds. King Signed Rabe ends.

Consul.