

Tells Status of Affairs During Japanese Raids

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a few moments the alarm went and we all put on coats and went to the basement. There was a gray haze of bomb smoke in the low land around Yall. Soon were joined by about 15 students and in a few moments the Chinese planes went up from the field to the north. But the damage had been done and we wondered who was suffering now.

"Frank Hutchins had been listening to the radio at 1:30 when the report came in that bombers had left Canton flying north at 11:45. We have no idea why the alarm was not given here, but these must have been the same planes for they arrived right on time. The children behave well at such times, but it is not easy for them. Ellen picked up the precious dolls, and Peggy took a story book, but the students led off in games which really took away the strain. The kitten getting herself thoroughly blacked up was fun.

"The story as we have pieced it together was something like this: Since Nanking is evacuating almost everyone, the trains and roads are full of people coming this way and a train due at that time had many important officials on it. This the Japanese must have known, for the train came to the outskirts of town, waited about ten minutes and then proceeded into the station. It unloaded and as the people were passing through the station and collecting baggage, six or seven bombs fell on both sides of the station within the radius of about half a city block, but as far as I know, none of the passengers were hurt. The chief damage was done through a direct hit on a hotel, one of the flimsy kind apt to be found near railway stations, but full of people and with a wedding feast in session. Some warehouses were hit, and a lot of good oil leaked away, but there were no serious fires. The reports seem to be that about 30-40 were killed and 100 rather seriously wounded, while 40 or so houses went down from the concussion. If this is read by any who know Mr. Nelde and Changsha, you will appreciate what it was like when I say that he found eight pieces of shrapnel in his yard. He was at the 'Y' or down town at the time.

"No one knows why the warning was not given in Changsha at this time, but each day since then there have been warnings, at noon on Thursday, 3 p.m. on Friday and today at 11:00. Each time the defending planes, 7-11 of them have gone up promptly and have soared around for about an hour. Yesterday the Japanese are supposed to

have come to within 15 miles of Changsha.

"Sunday morning 10:30—Hospital rounds are over and as it will not be too comfortable to leave the campus till about 4 p.m., I hope to get lots done. My week has been rather interesting this week and varied. One diphtheria has gone home and the tube is out of the other one. An old man of about 66, came with the tale that he had not been able to swallow a drop of water for five days. We thought of carcinoma, but it turned out to be a stricture of the esophagus following an acid burn forty years before. He knew just the size of what he could swallow, but he had foolishly taken of a dish of bamboo shoots and liver, which had stuck. He was willing to have us do anything, so we turned plumbers and removed the impacted food, and he is again grateful to be able to eat. Now the job is to consult with the brass man and get some dilators made so that we can try to dilate stricture. Dr. Ling's opinion was that there was not much use in saving his life for all he did was to sit at home and smoke opium, but to come a day, and that it was rather too bad that the bombs could not select the ones they killed. I was glad to have this case just now, for my class of fifth year students could see it and everything went well.

The hospital is filling up more and more with wounded, mostly the severer cases which cannot be taken care of in the military hospitals. I have only one so far, a woman who was hit through the mastoid by a shrapnel or some small object during the bombing and sustains an inner ear injury with marked deafness and attacks of vomiting and dizziness. She has no signs of meningitis yet, and we will X-ray tomorrow and decide what to do next. The fourth floor, roof part of the hospital, has been opened again to receive wounded, a thing we hate to do in winter, for there is not heat, but it cannot be helped. As far as that goes, coal is scarce and expensive this year, and there is none anywhere in the hospital, schools or dormitories, except a few small stoves in the examining rooms, dental office, and I am glad to say my clinic. We have to have a sterilizer going all the time, and it is now heated on a small coal stove, instead of the charcoal burner.

"I wish I had more definite information to pass on to you about the situation in general, or even accurate details about Changsha. The evacuating people from Nanking are pouring into Changsha by every kind of conveyance. Too hundred cars are supposed to have come in a day or two and Burton Rogers in the course of a 12 mile bicycle ride to the east of Changsha, counted 45 coming in yesterday. Most of them left Nanking under the impression

that they could drive to Hankow, but upon arriving at Hanchang they found that there was no road. I do not know why that road was never completed through, for now we have only the railway, for the river is too low for any but small boats. As the Nanking people come in, the roads are also dotted with the hand carts loaded with the belongings of the Changsha people moving into the country.

Each group of people has its particular problems now, and they do seem to be working hard to solve them as best they can. The Central hospital of Nanking has been emptied of all but a few doctors and nurses and about twenty patients, and the student nurses, ninety of them have been sent onto Hankow. Two days ago Miss Pos, the head of the nursing school and Dr. Sun, head of the hospital arrived by car and went on to Hankow where conferences will be held to decide what to do next. There seemed to be three alternatives, to transport the whole school and staff to Chungking or Chengtu and rest up the school there—to set up a military unit somewhere and let the girls learn nursing by practicing on soldiers, or to transfer the girls to other schools and the teachers and medical staff to act as a mobile unit wherever they are needed. Here in Changsha they tried to find out whether they could be accommodated at Hsiang-ya and the Union Hospitals.

The loads that the responsible leaders are carrying must be almost overwhelming for in addition to planning to the best of their ability, they are continually having to deal with men who have not kept pace with progress and are consequently not to be relied upon. There is still a lot of the old war lord jealousy and the soldiers are very unevenly prepared and equipped. The men from Kwangsi and Kwangtung to the south are very excellent while those who have been under the northern war lords are often pretty poor stuff. Patriotism has always burned brightly in the south, and the leaders, particularly Pai Chung Hsi, have been lending every effort toward an independent China for years and are very anti-Japanese.

Yesterday Mr. Stanley Jones finally arrived, a whole week late, for he had not been able to get air or train passage to bring him from Chaengtu. Finally through the intervention of Dr. H. H. Kung he got a ticket on the train, and was in his compartment for 24 hours, making a 280 mile trip to Changsha. The isles were so jammed that it was almost impossible to get from one part of the car to the other. In the morning there seemed to be no hot water, so he investigated the thermos bottle that had been filled for him in Wuchang the day before and found chicken

soup, not too greasy or thick, but what it could be used for shaving and tooth brushing. After he was through, the boy came with hot water!

"This noon I was with him at the Greene's for lunch, together with some of the doctors, and he talked in English at the foreign service this afternoon. He will leave Wednesday by plane for Hongkong and in the meantime I hope to hear him several times more. This noon the discussion followed the lines of what Christmas could really do at a time like this and in particular situation. He spoke first of the writing of the open letter to Japan which I asked you to look up in the Christian Century during September.

"This was followed by a second letter asking the people of the different nations particularly the Christians to withdraw economically from Japan. As Japan had withdrawn herself from the peaceful nations of the earth, she should know what that attitude and isolation brings with it. Sanctions by a government would probably mean that many people would not willingly cooperate and so it would have the effect of a punitive measure, rather than a consequence of Japan's own actions.

"Recently he has written a third letter which he has shown to Dr. H. H. Kung and other leaders for their approval before releasing it. His second letter brought up strongly protests on the part of the peace movement leaders in America who said that it would tend to bring on war. He analyzes their attitude as being one which wanted to keep America out of war, rather than to stop the war already in progress and devastating China every day it continues, and promote real peace. In this letter he pointed out some of the things the western nations must do in order to make peace in the far east possible. One of these he was sure was that America must do away with its discrimination against admitting orientals. Others had to do with exterritoriality and to the inequalities. He is a powerful and straight thinker, and I do hope you can follow anything he says or writes.

The bottom of the page is almost here. There may be time for another sheet before the plane goes on Wednesday. I hope it is not written during a raid warning. Will you please pass these sheets on to the others as I suggest, for time to write and postage are quite a problem now, and I do want as many as possible or care to read these.

DR. LOIS GREENE,
Hunan-Yale Hospital,
Changsha-Hunan, China,
Via Hongkong.

Recession Now On Highwood Project

With 32 men selected from needy families, to work on a WPA sewer project in Highwood, Mayor Charles Portilla of Highwood is still awaiting government funds, promised on Nov. 17, to complete the project, started some time ago.

Over a month ago, the Mayor received a wire from Senator James Hamilton Lewis, stating that a \$26,000 grant to complete the sewer project on Western avenue had been approved by WPA authorities. Later word came that the money would be available within three weeks.

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Ten days ago an engineer was secured to make the final survey.

Last week the Mayor and Supervisor visited the regional WPA administration in Chicago, where it was learned that they knew very little about the project and did not know when the money, if any, would be forthcoming.

And so, as many things go these days, a recession has set in on the sewer project for Highwood.

Bethany Choir To Repeat Cantata

The choir of the Bethany Evangelical church gave George B. Nevins' Christmas Cantata, "The Adoration," before a large and appreciative audience last Sunday morning. Mrs. L. R. Hawley, the director of music, and the choir received many fine comments on the splendid work that was done. An invitation was extended to the Bethany Choir by the Bethlehem Evangelical Church of Deerfield to repeat this Cantata at the Deerfield church next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Those who were not privileged to hear the Bethany Choir last Sunday are invited to drive to Deerfield on the coming Sunday afternoon.



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DAVID LEVINSON
Waukegan, Ill., December 9, 1937. X42-44

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