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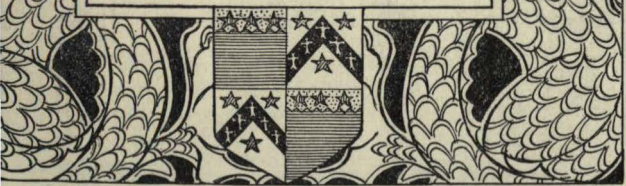
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# CHINA'S REACTION TO OUR MOVEMENT

## BULLETIN No. 2

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**American Committee for Fair Play in China**

### PURPOSE

TO GIVE TO AMERICA THE UNCOLORED TRUTH ABOUT CHINA, WITH THE CONVICTION THAT A PROPER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONS IS THE ONLY REQUISITE TO JUST RELATIONS AND MUTUALLY HELPFUL DEALING, AND THAT OUT OF THIS UNDERSTANDING GOOD WILL COME FOR CHINA AND FOR THE WORLD.

## Foreword

In June, 1925, the American Committee for Fair Play in China was organized for the purpose of giving to America the uncolored truth about China, "with the conviction that a proper understanding between nations is the only requisite to just relations and mutually helpful dealing, and that out of this understanding good will come for China and for the world." Since that time the work has been pushed with all possible vigor, and the response on the part of the people from every part of our country has abundantly justified the undertaking. Several printings of our pamphlet, "True Significance of Recent Happenings in China," have been required to meet a constantly increasing demand. This has been sent out directly from headquarters and through volunteer distribution centers widely established over the country.

### Our Representative in China

On September 1, 1925, Elizabeth Green, who had been active in the formation and subsequent work of the Committee, went to China as its representative (financing her own expenses), for the purpose of observation, investigation and direct report through our Committee. Following college she served for the last four years of the Suffrage struggle at the National Women's Party Headquarters in Washington, as head of various departments and, during 1919, as editor of "The Suffragist," weekly journal of the Party. During the Fall of 1924, as State Secretary she organized the Woman's Division of the Progressive Campaign in California. For the past

five years she has had the privilege of close association with a large number of Chinese men and women present in this country for graduate or research work in our universities, and many of these became her intimate friends. During these years she has been a student of Chinese culture, history, and economic conditions, and is likewise mastering the language.

The fact that she went to China with this background of sympathetic understanding, without racial, political or religious bias, and representing a large and growing group of liberal-minded people in America, has opened the doors to helpful understanding, so that she has already become a vital link between our Committee and the groups actively engaged in constructive efforts throughout China.

### **An Introduction to China**

Beside having many returned friends in China, and carrying personal introductions to many other active and influential leaders from mutual friends, there preceded her a general introducing letter, explaining the purpose of our Committee, signed by Prof. Meng Shou Chun, formerly of the faculty of the University of Peking, and Prof. C. T. Tang, of the Department of Oriental Languages, University of California. This was published in the Chinese press throughout that country and reached all schools and organizations. To these facts was due the promptness with which she was received into the confidence of influential leaders and motivating inner groups. This gained for her immediate audience, after which the appeal of our Committee's purpose,

our representative's manifest sincerity and her desire to learn the facts rather than to make them fit preconceived conclusions of her own, did the rest.

Response was immediate with her arrival in Shanghai, where she was able to obtain at first hand a consensus of foreign viewpoint as well as to secure through the Chinese full and confidential information.

Dr. Huang Yen-Pei, whose name carries weight everywhere in China, personally gave her fullest cooperation, and arranged many meetings and interviews for her. In the midst of these she was obliged to terminate her stay in Shanghai at the end of three weeks, to attend the Tariff Conference in Peking. En route to Peking, at Nanking, she crowded into a brief afternoon, with friends of Dr. Huang's who met her there, a visit to Southeastern University, a reception, and a dinner conference at the home of one of the university officials.

### **Reception at Peking**

From the moment of arrival in Peking, where she was met by friends whom she had known intimately in this country, and by Chinese press interviewers, it has been an inspiring, breath-taking succession of activities and impressions. She has been admitted to the confidence of those groups and individuals whose names stand for all that is constructive in thought and activity in connection with the solution of China's problems.

Everywhere there is evidenced a hopefulness for helpful results from the work our Committee has inaugurated, and an earnest desire to cooperate.

Especially pronounced is the unanimous commendation of our policy in limiting the nature of our activities to the educational, rather than undertaking political work. CHINA'S GREATEST NEED, they say, IS FOR A GROWING SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING on the part of other peoples; and they can only hope for this to be brought about by the patient, systematic spread of the truth through such organizations as ours. Our name, too, carries a distinct appeal. "It expresses exactly what China wants," they say—"not help, not sympathy, JUST A SQUARE, FAIR CHANCE in the game!"

In Peking she has had a succession of individual and group meetings with the leading professors of the universities there—with the able men in all lines of activity, and with leaders of women. All of these have manifested enthusiastic interest in the work of our Committee, and have been actively helpful in every way possible.

### **Peking Students and the Student Movement**

Among the many group meetings, was one early one with the cabinet of a student organization which has been most active in a highly constructive and effectual way. Of the first meeting she writes: "I met this group of ten young men and women, three of whom spoke very clear English and all but one (a student of French) of whom understood English, and for two hours and a half we exchanged the most fascinating conversation—all alive, vital facts, no 'thin stuff.' . . . Seldom have I met such a concentrated earnestness, such vivid faces and

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spirits, such eager questioning, and almost inspired accounts of their aims and aspirations. We met on an absolute equality—of age, inspiration, culture, sympathy, sincerity. It was like a revelation to me! I came away with new hope and spirit. . . . A larger 'round table,' a public meeting, and a girls' meeting are planned for the near future. . . . The aim of this organization is to fight (*with peaceful means*) for China's complete freedom—they have pledged themselves to work for this and not to abandon their mission until it is complete. Their membership is open to workers (it is not communist). . . . In this connection they have recognized the problem of mass-education as the most vital to China at the present time, and are actively engaged, not only in agitating for the spread of mass-education schools, but in themselves conducting such schools. In one university here they are conducting two such night schools for workers, one with 300 students and one with 200, with constant additions. They themselves are the teachers, giving their evenings after days of classes, all without cost to the pupils or pay to the instructors . . ."

### **A Faculty Round Table**

Another early conference included a group of faculty members from two prominent universities. This lasted from ten to twelve-thirty, through luncheon and for a couple of hours after, so vitally interested were all in the interchange of thought. The latter part was wholly concerned with discussion of our Committee, the purposes and ideals back of it, what it might accomplish . . . "all with

marked approval, with expressions that went to the root of international matters, not mere expressions of polite concurrence. . . . To me it seemed the most significant group meeting I have yet had . . . All these men are returned students now taking active part in Chinese educational life and in the movements toward a new national life. . . . I have never, I think, had the pleasure of being in a group of that size of more uniform culture and fineness, mental and physical energy, active idealism."

### **Basis for Forthcoming Bulletins**

The exceptional opportunities which this "sincere response to sincere approach" has opened to our representative to get at the real facts concerning every phase of the situation in China, will furnish the basis for the reports she will send us for publication and distribution.

Reports to cover The Student Movement and its significance, and the facts concerning the Tariff Conference and the Chinese attitude toward that and the proposed Extra-territoriality Conference have been prepared but delayed in transit by war conditions. The bulletins will be issued as soon as the manuscript arrives from China.

### **A Call to Interested Readers**

To carry on our work, the immediate needs of our Committee are:

1. An increase in the ranks of our volunteer distributors, through whom the widest possible circulation of our literature may be accomplished.



2. Funds with which to meet the rapidly-growing demands of the work. If we are to measure up to our opportunities, this expansion must be provided for at once.

To the present time, all service—organizing, executive, clerical—has been wholly volunteer and will continue to be so far as those of us who have done the work from the beginning are concerned. But that volunteer service is now wholly inadequate.

Heretofore no general appeal for sustaining funds has been made, all expenses having been met by volunteered contributions. Now, however, we ask those interested in the accomplishment of our purpose to aid by contributions, or by securing contributions. Even quite small sums contributed monthly will be helpful.

Ours is not a “crisis” movement only, but one planned to grow healthily and steadily in usefulness.

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