

Franking, Apr. 20.

Dearest:-

It's nearly midnight, for I don't seem to be able to get things done in season. Four hours of interruptions with other people's troubles this afternoon, and the new doctors & nurses for dinner tonight.

You might risk part of the prints from film (say half) at a time in ordinary letter. Ritchie thinks foreigners' letters are not being touched in Shanghai, and knows they are not here or on the way.

Get Mac to give you his yell for the Nan Min Chü. He is hilarious tonight.

Budgets for the complicated farm, nursery, and garden business; and survey problems galore.

Please ask Reesor Millican whether either of them can give you (or refer you to it) a list of publications from the Conference on Life & Works of the Church. I made one try in NCC but at a committee time; and then forgot at Millican's. Kwang Hsueh might have a list. Or they may know some religious journal that carries it. We have so few periodicals here now that we are behind times.

Don't think the enclosed receipts are necessary or important except the Swastika one for Miao.

Commissions from stuff you sent yesterday by doctors & nurses are in process.

I do hope Bobby can fare better.

Don't hesitate to get the best medical help.

Frank Price should have copies of the newspaper items and Relief report also.

Various reports from Self-Gov't people that Japs are after them for dealing with us, and also that we are to cease operations from May 1 as Army has appropriated \$300 000 for relief in Nanking. Japs told us a few days ago in long continuing argument over confiscated food, that they have given seed & tools to farmers & nothing more is needed. Kiangning Hsien Self-Gov't Committee (among others) were here to petition us for help, so we asked their experience with J. relief. With embarrassment they admitted nothing whatever received on promises of lengthy history.

You've been helping generously, and I am very grateful. I love you, dear, and will be glad for our home again.

Searle