

10 September, 1938.

Mr. S. Hidaka,  
Japanese Embassy,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:-

Although Mr. Willlys R. Peck and other friends have often spoken warmly of your courtesy and your able grasp of your duties, I have unfortunately not had the opportunity to meet you. I was in Shanghai a few days ago, and hoped to be able to take to you in person a copy of the survey undertaken by the Nanking International Relief Committee, which is entitled "War Damage in the Nanking Area". But the printing was not completed at that time.

The International Committee did not wish to put such material into the hands of a commercial publisher, but has printed on its own responsibility a small edition, for the sake of organizations and persons actively interested in relief needs and relief work. We hope that you in particular may find it possible to make good use of three or four copies among civil or military officers who are concerned with the welfare of the common people. Ordinary economic life is still in a sad plight from the varied losses and the lack of transport and supplies. Indeed, without prompt and significant improvement, the coming winter will bring deep suffering to large numbers of people in this region.

We trust that the factual reports in the survey, and the discussion of their bearing upon relief needs and methods, may prove of interest and value.

Yours respectfully,