

Events o' the day.

~~XXXXX~~ May 6, 1946.

Cuffe arrived from Nanking brite and early.

Cuffe made his investigation of the textile industry here between February 22 and returned to Chungking, March 8, 1946. He completed his report on the subject on March 22, an extensive study of ~~47~~ ~~40/50~~ pages. This has not yet been okd or sent to Washington despite its being asked for some time in January. While it is a voluntary report it is supplemental to and amplifies a request by Dept. for Commerce for info. on China Textile Industries, Inc.

Mr. Davis called Robison and self to discuss the telegram on trucks and embargo on trucks. We discussed for 1 hour and got message out. And since it invlved surplus property, we got into long discussion on that subject and it was agreed tha we should know more about FLC operations, what is involved, and possibly get together a Chamber liaison committee to deal with surplus property matters so we can head off busi ess complaints and possibly do some "sterring aright" along practical lines. Also discussed briefly office space and Davis told us that we would not be moved until he approved an over-all plan.

Sunday

Worked all day yesterday on Santi's Cost of Living Report, Robison and I finishing the job at 8 p.m. except for typing and some checks on prices today. We began revision

At ~~midnight~~ ~~midnight~~ 12 noon completed revision of the cost of living data, working with Robison. Santi to check again certain price items for accuracy.

Began work on pulling out of Public Law 457 the points of signirficance regarding manner of disposal of Surplus Property (for Mr. Davis to take to Nanking).

McFarlane produced the law from the files, and I extracted the pertinent points, typing it up in 2 pages along with the list of pr orities viz: U.S. Govt agencies, UNRRA, Chinese Govt, Relief Agencies, Chinese business interests and LASTLY American business interests. Del'd memo. to Mr. Davis to take to Nanking. Finished this job at 1.25 p.m.

Meantime had a phone call from Mike Arnold of the Bank and a call in person from Bruce Smith who brought a letter pointing out the urgency of the matter, saying neither he nor Didge agents got one nickel out of the deal on the 15,000 Dodges; that most of the wartime equipment has no spare parts, hence will be difficult to service, but that the 9,000 Dodges delivered to Calcutta have US\$9,000,000. worth of parts with them. His letter urges that the 1500 trucks which dealers have on order be permitted to come on, and urges that we make immediste representations to the Customs.

Mike Arnold also mentioned that some exports can move if U.S. buyers will finance the sorting and packing to avoid Chinese suppliers financing this at 20 percent per month interest.

Got out Embassy's letter to the four American banks.

Prepared two 2 page memos for Mr. Davis on the Surplus Property matter, particularly as related to the truck situation,

Received Jack Janszen of Amer. Far Eastern Syndicate and discussed status of the company, its New York office, its stock holders. There seems good reason to believe that Janszen is sincere in ~~not~~ believing there is no German connection. It succeeded to Melcher's American agencies. The main one was Westinghouse and Westinghouse wanted its agency out of the hands of a German firm. This was why Amer. Far. Eastern Syndicate was organized as a New York corporation in 1939 after war started in Europe.

Having had no lunch, proceeded to clear up desk to depart at 4 p.m. to get rest before going out on official dinner tonight. As not feeling well today. Cough has worn me out and Hoover's visit and work Sundays for several months (one Sunday off so far this year).

May 7 was a day so busy in ~~meeting~~ ~~things~~ the onslaught that there was no time to write it down.

It is often impossible to get the incoming business of one day done, or started, - thus the heap piles higher, and working 10, 12, 14 hours per day seems to get one nowhere. The more one attempts to serve, the more are the demands for service. Things are happening too fast and there are too few who can do the necessary. Thus too much devolves upon the capable and trained and experienced. Survival is only for the toughest. After office there were two cocktail parties, one dinner party and casual calls on two Americans with particular problems. This took from 5.25 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. without stopping. All of it was business - or closely related to business demands. Began work at 6.a.m. reading necessary data to know about. in bed. Thus an 18 hour day is about normal for dizzy Shanghai.

Robbie adds that work that does get finished cannot get out of the office for the reason that higher officers want it done their way, with their slant, and each situation must be fully explained to them. In the end there is no apparent work while changes made - - the messages go out ~~xxxxxxxx~~ maybe in different verbiage but with no essential changes from original draft. This lows up the work enormously and the heap piles still higher. I agree with R. in this, in fact it echoes my own remarks made to myself not over 10 minutes ago on this same subject.

May 8, 1946.

The Day started right on the nose at 9.02 with a visitation of aWAC Major from FLC who wished to know what the situation will be for military officers and men (and women) when entering the U.S. at end of service and taking with them the things bought in China such as household equipment purchased to make quarters more. Advice was given here.

Mr. Haller (culture pearls) called in to say he is leaving for the U.S. (He had asked to go to Tokyo previously with Russian assistant). We didn't tell him an instr. from Dept. said not to help him in getting to Tokyo.

Forwarded ck purchased from welfare sec. to Bank in N.Y. for dep.

Question of automobile tires came up. Dept. willing to supply, so looked up corres. Consulate Gen's des. to Dept. asking for cars and tires for me. Sent copy to wife, made copy self, couldn't stop typists. Important enough to do so as may need tires for car which wife will bring.

The question of KLIM came up and talked it over with Dwyer, as to why certain persons ordered 6 or 4 or 3½ cases of 12 cans of 5 lbs each of KLIM. Appended my own and my Chinese or local staff's demands or order.

Mr. X called to give me late developments in the S situation and to ask re non-preference visas. Discussed with Howard as to prospects when these situation will be taken care of.

To Post Office to mail letter with \$608. ck therein, not wishing to trust to any other method. for depl my bank purchased from Welfare Sec. Consulate.

Gave intelligent handling to a Departmental instruction of October 5, 1945, re. deposits in Shanghai and Hong Kong of subsidiaries of the International Business Machines Corporation, in the Dutch East Indies. This inquiry has been bandied about the office and buck passed for about 6 months, and comes back to my desk only today, having been given cockeyed handling up to now. *Time to man.*

Discussed with Ernest Tung the matter of getting medicine for the daughter of an employee on the 4th floor - blood plasma. Referred him to the Executive Officer.

Last nite Mr. Reed, NCB mgr told me it had taken from Apr 29 to *MA* May 7 to receive a full rate message re. unblocking of accts message sent from N.Y. office of the bank. He sent the message over this morning. I had Kleinhans make a report on the situation as of April 24 and I am bringing this to Mr. Davis attention, as to what action to take. Wrote Red a note mentioning the difficulties.

Dr. Tsu-ying Hu, Ph D Univ of Shai called with car introd. from T.K.Ho and instoruced Mr. T.C.Hang, Kuo Sing Cotton Dyeing Mill Ltd ho wants to buy cotton spinning machines. Gave him WTD to fill out.

P.L.Moo called and said conditions getting better in Am. and suggested I come to Rotary.

Signed a lot of correspondence. Exhausted by 4 p.m.

Lunch for 3 at Chinese restaurant 4 modest dishes
costing only 2000 each plus fried rice cost US\$10. flat.
George Moorad, - Bill Costello of Col Brdcastg.

Began to get clippings together for the UNRRA story
8 issues of China - Press