

BRITISH COMMERCE AND CHINA

Appeal for Greater Enterprise: The Need of Encouraging Chinese Students

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A strong appeal for British commerce to play a greater part in the development of China was made by Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, addressing the Rotary Club to-day.

He said that no other country in the world except her Colonies suited Britain's purpose better than China, whose commercial door was wide open to the whole world, but particularly to Britain.

He declared that China's greatest need at present was peace and justice and urged Britain to lend a helping hand whenever necessary, to ward off foreign interference which tended to damage the sovereignty and independence of China. He denied that internal troubles stood in the way of foreign trade or that foreign assistance was needed to solve China's internal troubles.

Mr. Chao recommended that Britain should grant greater facilities to enable Chinese students to come to Britain and pointed out that there were only 250 Chinese students in England as compared with 2,000 in America, and this was not because the Chinese preferred America to England educationally but was due to America providing facilities and means.

He drew attention to the support of Chinese students in part, by America, by means of the indemnity fund which America returned to China and outlined American efforts, notably in welcoming Chinese students to learn practical work in their factories and firms on the West coast, supporting Chinese students while undergoing training and then despatching them home to China, to act as American agents. Thus America had won Chinese good feeling and had reaped untold benefits as was evidenced in her increasing trade. Mr. Chao urged Britain to act similarly to their mutual advantage.—Reuter.