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CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

AT the next biennial meeting of the World Federation of Education Associations to be held in Toronto, Canada, August 7-12, China will be represented, among others, by Ex-Premier Hsiung Hsi-Ling and Dr. P. Ling, president and research director, respectively, of the Chinese National Association for the Advancement of Education, and by Dr. Y. P. Huang, director of the Chinese National Association of Vocational Education. Dr. P. W. Kuo, director of the China Institute and vice-president of the Federation, will also be present and, as chairman of Committee No. 1 of the Herman-Jordan Peace Plan, will be in charge of a special conference to discuss ways and means of securing effective co-operation among organizations working for international understanding.

The list of Chinese delegates to the second annual session of the Institute of Pacific Relations, to be held in Honolulu, July 15-29, includes Dr. David Z. T. Yui, general secretary of the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations; Dr. Chang Po-Ling, president of Nankai University; Mr. L. T. Chen, secretary of the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations; Sophie Chen (Mrs. H. C. Zen), formerly professor in the National Southeastern University; Dr. Ta Chen, professor in Tsing Hua College; Dr. P. Ling, research director of the National Association for the Advancement of Education; Mr. D. K. Liu, director of the Economic Research Bureau; Mr. Y. W. Wang, general editor of the Commercial Press; and Dr. C. C. Wu, foreign minister of the Nationalist Government at Nanking. Dr. P. W. Kuo and Mr. Paul C. Meng, both of whom are now in the United States, have also been invited to join the Chinese delegates.

Three other international conferences in which Chinese have been asked to participate are the First International Congress of Soil Science, to be held in Washington, D. C., June 13-22, the International Country Life Conference, at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, August 4-6, and the International Congress of the World League against Alcoholism, in Winona Lake, Indiana, August 17-23.

EDUCATIONAL NEWS FROM CHINA

A SCIENTIFIC expedition to Northwestern China has recently been organized under the joint auspices of a number of important educational and scientific organizations in Peking, with the co-operation of certain Swedish experts. The purpose of the expedition is to study data of geological, meteorological, anthropological, archaeological, and ethnological interest. The expedition started on its journey May 8 and will last for a period of two years.

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During the last few years, a summer institute for science teachers has been conducted as a part of a general program to promote the further introduction of science and the improvement of its teaching. This year the Institute will be held at Nankai University, Tientsin, under the joint auspices of Nankai University, the Science Society of China, and the Chinese National Association for the Advancement of Education.

Nankai University has recently received a donation of \$100,000 from a member of its Board of Trustees for the construction of a new library.

During recent years the Christian missions have been attempting to secure greater Chinese participation in the management of their educational institutions. This movement has been accelerated by the rapid growth of nationalism in China. The Lingnan University of Canton has reorganized its boards of control and has elected Dr. W. K. Chung as its president. The Shanghai College has increased the number of Chinese members in its Board of Trustees and, upon the resignation of President F. J. White, has elected Dr. John Y. Lee as his successor. Soochow University has undergone a similar reorganization. Its Board of Trustees has elected Mr. Y. C. Niu as president to succeed Mr. W. B. Nance, who has tendered his resignation.

The Far Eastern Olympic Meet, to which China, Japan, and the Philippine Islands will send contestants, will be held in Shanghai at the end of August.

Some sixty graduates of Tsing Hua College, together with five girl students and five graduate students under the same support, will sail from China for the United States per S.S. President Jackson, on August 19. They will land in Seattle early in September and will enter the various colleges and universities in the country. A number of other government as well as private students are expected to come on the same steamer.

The National Association for the Advancement of Education has started a nation-wide project for rural education, to be completed in five years, requiring an initial expenditure of \$32,000 and an annual budget of \$98,000. The project adopted includes: (1) the establishment and maintenance of rural elementary schools and rural kindergartens in six national districts, (2) the establishment and maintenance of two training schools for teachers for rural schools, (3) grants to existing rural schools and provision for special supervisors, (4) the publication of literature on rural education and text-books for rural schools, (5) the investigation of rural conditions in the country and study of rural education abroad, (6) the creation of professorships and scholarships in rural education, and (7) co-operation with the existing agricultural schools, medical societies, banking organizations and the like to promote rural welfare.

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Four fellowships for Chinese students to pursue advanced studies in geography in American universities were created by the Board of Trustees of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture at its meeting in Peking, last March. Two of these will be awarded to students already in America, while the other two will be awarded to candidates in China. The Institute has recently completed an investigation, made upon the request of the Foundation, regarding students majoring in geography, physics, botany, and zoology. The Board is expected to consider at its next meeting the advisability of creating more fellowships for the encouragement of these studies.

AMERICAN INTEREST IN CHINESE STUDIES

AT the Institute of Politics to be held at Williams College, Williams-town, Mass., July 28-August 25, there will be a special round table conference on China, to be conducted under the able leadership of Dr. H. S. Quigley, professor of political science in the University of Minnesota. Dr. Quigley was one time a professor in Tsing Hua College, Peking, and has written many articles on China.

Columbia University has recently organized a survey course in the civilization of the Far East under the direction of a committee composed of various members of the University faculty. As part of this course Mr. Wilbur Laurent Williams has prepared a syllabus and bibliography on China, under the supervision of Professor John J. Coss. The materials used deal with the land of China and its people, the Chinese social structure both under the old regime and the new order, the character of Chinese culture, and the present problems of China.

The Faculty Board of the Graduate School of the American University in Washington has approved a course in the history of the Far East, proposed by Dr. Yang Kuang-Sheng. This course, to be offered during the next academic year, aims to give a general background of ancient and medieval history of the Far East as well as an intensive study of the political development of modern China and Japan. These two countries will naturally be given the larger part of the time, but the course will also touch upon Siam, Korea, Tibet, Mongolia, the Philippines, and Indo-China.

AMERICAN INTEREST IN CHINA INSTITUTE

FROM the beginning of the China Institute in America, the American public has shown evidences of a very deep interest in its aims and activities. The officers of the American Friends of China Society in Chicago have repeatedly urged the establishment of the permanent headquarters of the Institute in Chicago and have pledged their hearty support. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Peking, the question was discussed and was referred to the Director of the Institute

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for consideration. Another evidence of such interest is shown by the recent offer of Mr. Fred W. Van Buskirk to help organize a branch institute in San Diego, California.

CHINESE STUDENT ACTIVITIES

IT has been customary for the Chinese students in the United States to hold three sectional conferences during the summer under the auspices of the Chinese Students Alliance. The Western Section has decided to hold its conference this year at Stanford University, in the early part of August, but plans of the other two sections are yet to be announced.

The National Affairs Committee of the Chinese students in America has recently started the publication of a weekly entitled *New China*, for the purpose of supplying information concerning the Chinese situation to the American public. The address of the Committee is Box 172, John Jay Hall, Columbia University, New York City.

During the last few months a number of Chinese student clubs in various colleges and universities have been very active in expressing their sympathy and support to the Nationalist movement in China, in protesting against the sending of armed forces to China by foreign governments, and in informing the American public of the Chinese situation.

EMERGENCY LOAN FUND

A LOAN fund has recently been made available to assist those Chinese students who are in financial difficulty because of political changes in China. This fund is being administered by a committee of nine appointed by the Chinese Minister at Washington and is known as the Committee on Emergency Aid for Chinese Students. Application forms may be obtained from and submitted through the Chinese Legation in Washington, D. C., the China Institute in America, 2 West 45th Street, New York City, the Chinese Students Christian Association in North America, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, or the Committee on Emergency Aid, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

MEN AND EVENTS

DR. JAMES EARL RUSSELL, dean of Teachers College, Columbia University, upon the completion of his twenty-five years of service, was the recipient of a Banner of Appreciation, presented through the Institute, by the Chinese National Association for the Advancement of Education, the National Southeastern University, and the Teachers College Alumni in China. Embroidered Chinese characters on the banner, expressing the idea that education transcends the limitations of race,

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nationality, and religion, made a most fitting tribute to Dr. Russell, whose students are found in all parts of the world.

Dr. Hu Shih, professor of philosophy at the National University of Peking, who early in the year lectured at Columbia, Harvard, and other universities in America, is now back in China and will devote his time to the completion of his text-books on the *History of Chinese Philosophy*, the first volume of which came out in 1919.

Dr. Timothy Tingfang Lew, dean of the faculty of theology, Yenching University, who has been lecturing in the Union Theological Seminary and other educational institutions, is planning to sail for Europe on July 2. He is expected to attend the World Conference on Faith and Order in Lausanne, Switzerland, during August.

Mr. T. Z. Koo, secretary to the National Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, who has been speaking on the Chinese situation before various organizations in America as a representative of the commercial bodies in Shanghai, will sail for China, July 5, from Seattle, Washington.

Professor W. H. Kilpatrick, whose visit to China was announced in a previous issue of the bulletin, has already visited Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking, and Mukden, where he was given hearty welcome and was called upon to lecture before a variety of audiences. He expects to attend the meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations, in Honolulu, on his way back.

Dr. J. G. Needham, professor of entomology at Cornell University, has accepted an invitation of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture to lecture and direct research in China during the year 1927-28. He is expected to spend the first half-year at the Peking Normal University and the second half-year at the National Southeastern University in Nanking.

Dr. George H. Blakeslee, professor of history and international relations at Clark University, is planning to visit the Far East next fall and intends to spend several months traveling and lecturing in China.

Dr. William S. A. Pott, a professor in the University of Virginia, who is a son of President F. L. Hawks Pott of St. John's University in Shanghai, has been appointed to head the department of oriental languages and literature at the University of California, to succeed Dr. E. T. Williams, who is retiring from active service. Dr. Pott is making a trip to China to study conditions there, during the summer. Mr. Mingsan P. Cheo, of the National Southeastern University in Nanking, has received an appointment as instructor in Chinese in the same department, to take the place of Mr. Nelson C. Tang, who is returning to China.

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Dr. Huang Yen Pei, who is expected to attend the biennial World Federation of Education Associations at Toronto, is at present studying educational tendencies in the United States.

Dr. Carson Chang, president of the National College of Education, Woosung, has received an invitation to lecture at McGill University, Canada. Dr. Z. Y. Kuo, vice-president and director of the Psychological Institute at Fudan University, Shanghai, is expected to be in this country next year, lecturing on psychology.

Dr. Paul Monroe and Mr. Roger S. Greene have left for China to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture, to be held in Peking at the end of June. Dr. Monroe will attend the Institute of Pacific Relations in Honolulu on his way back to the United States. The other Trustees in this country, Dr. S. Alfred Sze, Dr. W. W. Willoughby, Mr. J. E. Baker, and Dr. P. W. Kuo, are unable to be present at the meeting.

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THE Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following books from the publishers:

"Lotus and Chrysanthemum," by Joseph Lewis French. New York: Boni and Liveright. xxi+237 pp. \$7.50.

This is an anthology of Chinese and Japanese poetry, selected and edited by Joseph Lewis French. The aim of the compilation, according to the author, is twofold: first, to present a fairly representative compendium of the whole body of Chinese and Japanese poetry, and second, to give pleasure to the reader. In both respects the author has been fairly successful and his effort is highly commendable. In the preparation of this book he has made good use of the available original translations and paraphrases of Chinese poetry, and it should prove a valuable book to all lovers of poetry as well as to those interested in the fundamental elements of Chinese and Japanese culture.

In the introduction the author quotes the significant remark of Ampere: 'Of all nations the Chinese seem to be the fondest of poetry.' He points out the fact that Chinese poetry is not only the largest, but it is the oldest body of poetry in the world. The interest in Chinese poetry on the part of the English scholars has increased greatly within the last decade, as shown by the increasing number of books published on Chinese poetry. The appearance of the present volume represents but another evidence of this growing interest.

"The Youth Movement in China," by Tsi C. Wang, Ph.D. New York: New Republic, Inc. xv+245 pp. \$1.00.

The recent intellectual upheaval in China, variously described as the Chinese Renaissance, the Literary Revolution, the New Thought Movement, or the Student Movement, is here for the first time given a full treatment under the title *The Youth Movement in China*. Excerpts from articles and letters of those who took an active part in the movement give interesting insight into their mental states and make the book something more than a lifeless chronicle of past events. In publishing this book the author has made a valuable contribution to the English reading public.

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