

CHINA'S HEROES OUTSIDE ARMY

They're 'White Collar' Men Who Bear Full Brunt Of War, Inflation.

This article by Leland Stowe was written prior to his departure from Chungking for Nanjing and other points of Southwest Asia.

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CHUNGKING, Dec. 1 (By Clipper).—China has amazed westerners ever since the days of Marco Polo, but the war has made this topsy-turvy land quite a bit more ingenious and turvy than the most ingenious Oriental would have predicted or any "old China hand" would have imagined.

If Chinese resistance has achieved the well-nigh impossible over a four and one-half years, the majority of China's heroes have somehow survived the intolerable. Among the most uncomplaining and heroic of these survivors are a great many professors, doctors, scientists, engineers and other such folk—the "white collar" patriots of China.

In all wars military leaders and politicians usually reap the lion's share of credit, and in all wars a goodly proportion of white-collarites (those in the frankly acquisitive occupations) manage to advance their capitalistic standing with the skill of commercial Napoleons.

Small Pay Buys Less and Less. Nevertheless, there are always other white-collar civilians who seem destined to "also serve" yet bear the full brunt of war and inflation. This is one of the phenomenon that puts an excess of topsy-turvy in wartime China.

If you're the kind of person who thinks about such things, it may shock you to learn that a coolie hauling freight up the backbreaking hillsides of Chungking for 10 or 12 hours a day probably earns no more than 10 American dollars a month, while the value of his money shrinks steadily from prices which have soared fearfully ever since the war began and are still soaring, week by week.

You may also think that a ricksha man, operating up these same hillsides certainly earns every penny of his 16, 18, or maybe even 25 U. S. dollars a month—and wonder how he supports six or eight "mouths" on that amount, with rice probably costing more here than it does in America.

Professors Real Heroes. But even so you haven't heard about the plight of China's white-collar intellectuals. Hundreds of learned professors, top men in their specialized fields, are somehow living in China on the equivalent of \$13 a month—or 10 dollars a month less than most Chungking ricksha men are able to earn. Most of these professors haven't been able to buy a new suit for several years and can't foresee a time when they can hope to buy one.

Many of them are doing research which is vital to the prosecution of the war—yet their income is half that of an illiterate truckdriver on the Burma Road. They will never be decorated for valor and such an idea would never enter their heads.

They simply belong to the ranks of the "real unknown soldiers."

The other day we met a radio engineer who is in charge of one of the most important civilian tasks in China. He has several degrees and has taken advanced training both in England and America. Now he is proving that Chinese technicians can rank with the best in the world—and his reward is a modest \$20 a month—plus something else which shines warmly in his eyes.

Pair of Shoes Costs \$15. Doctors are the inexpressible need of this besieged, humanity-packed country yet they have no hope of anything more than a livelihood close to the bare level of subsistence. Public health doctors are relatively fortunate—they earn from \$15 to \$20 a month—whereas the terribly overworked, rightfully underpaid Army physicians are paid about \$7 a month, and even that is \$2 more than a colonel in the Chinese Army receives.

In Chungking a pair of shoes (as you understand shoes) costs \$11 or more. Then how does a \$13 a month professor buy shoes? Very simply. Of course, he doesn't buy shoes—hot shoes made of leather. He wears cheap canvas sneakers, or slippers.

The streets are thick with mud here now, at least four or five days a week. We thin-blooded Occidentals have chilled or icy feet unless we wear woolen socks inside our heavy leather shoes. You can understand why we don't know much about patriotism, self-abnegation or the hardships of war.

Probably we'll even grouch a bit when those new, sharply-boasted income taxes come due. Queer how easy it is for most of us to convince ourselves we're really doing something for our country.

Isn't it?

MRS. LUCIA R. KELLEY IS STRICKEN AT 78

Mrs. Lucia R. Kelley, a native of Galena, Ill., died yesterday in Methodist Hospital following a short illness. She was 78.

Mrs. Kelley had resided with a son, Charles A., 5124 N. Capitol Ave., for the last 12 years. She came here from Terre Haute, following the death of her husband, Charles A. Kelley.

She was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute. A niece, Mrs. Carl Wisniewer of Terre Haute, also survives.

Services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the P. J. Ryan Funeral Home in Terre Haute. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery there.

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TAX CASE AGAINST CAPONE POSTPONED

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Attorneys for Al Capone, one-time Chicago gang leader and now a resident of Palm Island here, said today that the Government's suit to collect \$119,367 internal revenue taxes from the former beer baron had been postponed for at least a year.

They said a stipulation agreeing on postponement had been reached with Government officials here and that a similar action was pending against Capone and 14 others in Chicago, where it was claimed they failed to pay income tax on their illicit beer industry from 1921 to 1932.

War Problems Stimulate Readers' Questions to Times Bureau

By FREDERICK M. KERREY Director The Times' Washington Service Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The entrance of the United States into war has created personal problems for millions of individual Americans—problems even more acute than the previous rapidly expanding defense program had created. These problems have been increasingly reflected in the letters sent to the Washington Service Bureau of The Indianapolis Times during the year just closed.

The Service Bureau of this newspaper has become, during 1941, the G. H. Q. for puzzled readers who needed information on what they

must do, what they ought to do, or what was advisable for them to do in performing his part in the war pattern of economics and government which has emerged in the nation's capital. The Service Bureau has been able to aid in the solutions. During 1941, countless individuals have saved their jobs in war industries and in private industries, by the simple expedient of writing a letter to the Bureau and finding out how to obtain proof of birth in this country—after having tried without success to obtain a birth certificate from the State of birth—for the very good reason that no records were kept at the time the individual

was born. The Bureau has saved many persons from possible jail sentences, by telling them how and when and where they must register as aliens. It has set many readers straight on their tax liabilities under new tax laws. Millions of Americans who never before paid a dollar of direct taxes to the Federal Government must, in 1942, file income tax returns. While our Bureau cannot, of course, give legal advice to citizens, it can, and has, supplied factual answers on how these taxes affect individuals. The Bureau has obtained vital information for businessmen from

government offices, having to do with priorities, war contracts, defense housing and similar matters. It has told many mothers how to get in touch with their boys in the service. It has furnished prepared material on wages and hours, social security, resettlement, old-age relief to individuals and families which had personal problems involved in these laws. It has contacted government officials and new agencies for many persons who had vital business to transact. It has told hundreds of persons how to apply for examinations for civil service jobs; where and how to apply for training for

war industries; where and how to enlist for military and civil defense duty. During 1941, a total of 6394 pieces of informational material was sent out to readers in answer to their requests. As the year ended, the volume of these requests was steadily increasing. The Bureau's plans contemplate handling an even larger volume of such requests in 1942. The service of answering questions for readers is free. The Bureau will answer personally any question of fact or information, that does not involve extensive research. Question letters to the Bureau should be signed and a postage stamp must be inclosed for answer.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS TO MEET TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Approximately 800 presidents of colleges and universities will meet tomorrow and Sunday in Baltimore to mobilize educational forces for the war effort. The conference, called by the U. S. Office of Education, will be the first national meeting since formation of the Wartime Education Commission on Dec. 23. Among the scheduled speakers will be Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, Assistant Secretary of War Robert F. Patterson, Brig.-Gen. Lewis B. Henshey and Commissioner of Education John W. Studebaker.

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Lightly boned satin and elastic girdles with side zippers. All sizes. Also Tu-Way Stretch Panties Girdles. **\$1.00**

Girls' Snuggette UNION SUITS
—Button Back
49c
Sleeveless knee length, part wool, snug fitting. All sizes.

Sale! \$69.99 and \$79.99 FUR COATS \$55
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Children's \$3.49 SNOW SUITS
Jacket, Ski Pants and Hat to Match
\$2.49
Very dressy, warm and comfy. Attractively trimmed, exceptionally well lined. Brown, green and navy. Sizes 3 to 6.

Girls' Parka Hoods
Here are the styles that are so popular with the young miss! Warm and stylish. Splendid selection of colors. Sale price—**15c**

Boys' Corduroy & Wool Jackets
Heavy lined corduroy jacket with wool front. Fancy patterns. All colors. Sizes 8 to 18. **\$2.55**

Lined MACKINAWs
Fully lined in husky weight mackinaws. Bright plaids. Sizes 10 to 18. **\$3.44**

2-Piece Fannelette PAJAMAS
Deep nap, heavy weight fannelette pajamas. Sizes 8 to 18. **74c**

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Nice warm snowsuits. Fully lined. Hooded style. Navy or brown. Sizes 3 to 8. **\$2.77**

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Beautiful figured marquette curtains. Will launder well. 3 1/2 yards long and 28 inches wide to the pair. **88c**

WINTER COATS
• Women's \$16.75 CASUAL COATS \$8.88
Limited number of styles for misses and women. Plaids, herringbones, and solid color three types in boy styles, balmcoats, and blouse-back effects.

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The season's leading styles... the season's leading furs and best colors... with collars of American grey fox, dyed squirrel, Persian lamb, wolf, etc. Sizes 12 to 20 and 38 to 52.

• Regular \$59.99 Furred Beauties \$33
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—Samples and Regular Stock Garments—All Drastically Reduced
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SUITS: Hard finished Worsteds, Soft Finish Cashmeres, single or double breasted models, new stripes, checks and plaids, all popular colors.
OVERCOATS: Warm, serviceable, 100% wool materials. Plain or belted, perfect fitting. All colors. All sizes. Sale price

Mens' Sample TOPCOATS and REVERSIBLES \$9
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—Out They Go! Men's "Higher-Price" FELT HATS \$1.65
Sporty snap brims, welt edge, pinch crowns. This season's newest colors. Fully lined, sweat proof crowns. Sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2.

MEN'S SAMPLE MUFFLERS
100% pure wools imported from Belgium. Gay, colorful plaids or solid colors. Fringed ends, long lengths. Sale price—**77c**

MEN'S LEATHER GLOVES
Genuine cape leathers. Plain or pig grain. In black brown and natural. Lined and unlined. All sizes. **\$1.75**

MEN'S SHIRTS & DRAWERS
Heavy weight ribbed lightly fleeced, long sleeve shirts, ankle length drawers. All sizes. **59c**

Men's JACKETS —FOR WORK OR SPORTS WEAR \$2.88
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