

# Y. M. C. A. WORKER TELLS OF INTERNAL STRIFE IN CHINA

Some interesting and worthwhile glimpses into China's present condition and her chances for the future are contained in an extended letter received this week by W. P. Walter, new Y. M. C. A. secretary for Ashland, from J. C. Clark, associate general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Shanghai, China.

Following is Mr. Clark's letter: Mr. Wm. P. Walter, Secy. of Boys Dept., Y.M.C.A., Eugene, Oregon, U. S. A.

Dear Walter: The Chinese weather prophets prophesied a cool summer and we are spending it in Shanghai, but the last few days have about melted as not because of the high temperature for it is only just above 100 degrees but the humidity is very high. An electric fan and plenty of ice water helps to relieve the situation here as elsewhere however. The death rate from cholera is high.

Our building is very busy this summer. We have 290 boys in summer school in the building and 154 in three Daily Vacation Bible Schools outside. There are 190 in the dormitory for the summer and nearly 1,000 per day use the swimming pool. The game room is well filled from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., with boy members. We are treating the sixty students in our boys' dormitory as campers. The hikes and trips are to places of interest in or near the city, the swimming is in the "Y" pool, the meetings and discussions are in the building and so are the meals. However, Shanghai is as new and strange to them as the mountains or seaside would be to our winter crowd. These boys come from several distant sections and in many cases they have to use English in order to talk to each other.

In the Western world political and social organization has thru the ages grown by a slow transfer of supreme authority

and loyalty first from the head of a family to the tribal chief, then to the ruler of a state, then to the ruler of a state of many cities and finally to the president or ruler of a union of many states.

A Chinese scholar pointed out the other day that China's trouble at present is caused by her attempting to pass in a generation from the family type of authority and loyalty to the union of many states. The people cannot so quickly change their loyalty from a person to a system of government. It took the West many centuries to make the transfer, and China will be able to do it in a ancient customs are deeply rooted and have the sanction of, to them, satisfactory experience.

In China, loyalty is still to persons, according to Mr. Hsia, ment. Therefore when General Wu meets General Chang in a fight, for the control of a province and is defeated his friends all rush to his aid, not because he represents a just cause but because of his personal friendship and then jointly defeat General Chang. Now General Chang also has friends who offer personal help when he is defeated and so help him retake the province he lost, thus the game goes merrily on. The people are pawns, their interests are hardly ever considered and their voice is seldom heard by the well-armed general and his friends.

But there are coming to be a good number who because of new ideas gathered by contact with the outside world are ready to discard the ancient system. Of these some would move a little way, others would jump to the most advanced positions of other nations while a little group calling themselves communists want to move ahead of the rest of the world and introduce utopia as a bound.

China, as a nation is like a boy beginning to feel the inner conflict of the adolescence period

and will probably not emerge from it for years or even decades to come.

The interests of all the family of nations are bound up with those of adolescent China, and it seems to me that the family must give a chance to work thru this stage without being bullied or forced to arm in self-defense.

Amidst pass thru the period far more quickly than the West did but it is a critical period and outside help is probably impossible. It requires time, experience and the growth of new attitudes of ways of thinking. The process cannot be hurried or helped from without any more than we can hurry the hatching of chick or the passing of adolescence.

Let us be sympathetic, patient and friendly while China works out her problems. Business and every other foreign as well as Chinese interest will probably suffer. But it is a good time for the nations that profess to be Christian to practice the Golden Rule.

The newspapers make things in China look pretty dark, these days and the picture is dark in many places, yet the U. S. government trade representative in China, Mr. Julian Arnold, gave us a glimpse of the brighter side a few days ago in a speech he delivered in Peking. The following are quotations from his address:

"Chinese civil wars receive large headlines, but quietly and without much newspaper attention the business of China is going on pretty much as usual.

"Commercial returns for the current half year show that already a balance of some two million dollars has been rolled up over the figure for this time last year, and in general business is showing a slow but normal advance.

"To me the interesting thing is that at present, contrary to the general belief, China is really prospering rather than sliding down hill."

Today after "Rotary" meeting I walked out of the hotel with an old missionary and asked, "What effects do you see from the anti-Christian movements?" He said, "They have started too late.

Christianity is rooted and is growing faster than the anti-movement." Then he said, "Last week I had a revival meeting for four days with sixty-nine decisions, by students, for the Christian life. I have had more decisions this year than ever before."

The people of China are not divided. There is no issue for them to fight over. This week about six hundred members of the Y. M. C. A. from all the provinces, North, South, East and West, will hold a Convention in Tsinan, the capital of Shantung province near the center of the country. There will be no division there. It is only a small group of selfish but powerful officials that prevents the country from being united politically.

There is a better understanding of foreign relations than there used to be on the part of the thousands of prominent Chinese and I think less criticism of the attitude and actions of foreign nations toward China, as is usual in all countries the worst element is the most vocal. I hope to see the Western trained men

## WASHINGTON SQUAD COMPOSED OF VETS

PULLMAN, Wash. (U. P.) — Washington state college will enter the 1936 Pacific Coast conference games this year with the same squad veterans who upset all the dope toward the close of last season by defeating the famed University of Southern California.

With a full aggregation of old timers, the college should be a serious contender for championship honors, observers say.

The team looks better than for several years. Toward the close of last season's pennant scramble considerable improvement was noted in the Pullman eleven and rosters are looking with confidence toward the coming conference clashes.

The players have undergone a have a chance to show what they can do before long.

As ever yours, J. C. CLARK.

more exhaustive spring training than for some seasons and have been ordered to start conditioning themselves September 19, 3 days earlier than the start of regular gridiron practice.

There will be an entirely new coaching staff this year. "Buck" Hollinberry, formerly coach of the Olympic club, San Francisco, has taken over the coaching reins at W. S. C. "Buck" Bailey will be assistant coach.

A. A. Exendine, Pullman coach last fall, has gone with Occidental college, California.

"Butch" Meeker, diminutive quarterback, is expected to be one of the luminaries this year. It was Meeker who scored the touchdown against Southern California in the last minute of play last season. This is his second playing year.

Chuck Sweet, sensational broken field runner; Exley, allround matnstay, and Joe Koenig, full blooded Eskimo halfback, are three who figured as excellent prospects to win all conference team berths.

Stanley Young, guard, is expected

to double in efficiency when he is shifted this season to tackle. Dills, a shifty player stationed at center, will prove of material value to the team, coaching officials believe.

At Bandon-by-the-Sea — Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolcott and daughter June, and Mr. and Mrs. George Shultz spent Sunday at Bandon by the Sea.

At the Hotel Ashland — J. L. Ord and wife of Portland, Ore., were in Ashland yesterday. They stopped at the Hotel Ashland. Mr. Ord is with the Western Union Telegraph Co.

## Brain Invention

BREKLEY — Now they're going to measure mental capacity by the yard.

Invention of a "brainometer" for definite measurement of intelligence is being sought as the result of Sir John Adair, professor emeritus of London University who was a summer visitor here. He had such an instrument would divide all measurements between two "zones," one an "obscure" zone in which little reasoning is required and the other an "intelligent" zone in which things must be pondered and solved without aid from "observation."

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