

PRINCIPLES FOR CANADIAN AID TO CHINA

A reply to Mme. Sun Yat-Sen, widow of the "founder"  
of the Chinese Republic.

The attention of the Canadian public was drawn to the dangers of the Chinese situation by your letter of July, 1946. In this letter you said in part "If America makes it plain she will not supply munitions or military equipment there will be no spreading Chinese war." also ".... not party rights but human rights hang in the balance." We have been stirred by this appeal. Similar appeals have been made by "the fifty-six non-party business men of China" when they said, "The American people can decide whether China can suffer a devastating civil war. The shooting has already started. Whether it continues depends almost entirely on you. If it does you will be a participant." As a Canadian group interested in China we recognize our duty to take some action in response to these appeals.

The political negotiations for peace in China have been followed with keen interest and deep concern in this country. We realize that effective relief and rehabilitation can be done only in a country at peace. We believe also that strife in Asia endangers world peace. We are, therefore, resolved to see that aid from Canada shall be used only for relief and peaceful rehabilitation in China.

We confess that our government, in the years before Pearl Harbor, by their failure to prohibit the export of supplies to Japan, contributed to the breakdown of peace in China. As friends of China we are concerned now to prevent any situation where supplies from Canada could again be used to make war in China. Early this year the Canadian



Parliament voted a credit of 60 million dollars to the Chinese Government. Recently the sale of eleven "frigates" has also been announced. The Canadian people should insist that the credit should be suspended and such supplies should be withheld as long as there is the threat of civil war in China. We also affirm that Canadian supplies shall be available to needy Chinese in all areas without discrimination. The time has come when suitable guarantees to this effect must be required before further aid is extended.

We are now urging organizations and individuals who are concerned for the welfare of China and the peace of the world to lose no time in expressing their will on this matter directly to our government.

Signed by: