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REPORT ON Strike Situation :- Important Happenings, Meetings, Propaganda, Etc.

Made by C. D. I. Givens Forwarded by Director of Criminal Intelligence

Sir,

Twenty students from a school in Nanking arrived in Shanghai from Hangchow by rail at 5.15 p.m. June 9. Ten of these are staying at Poyang Hotel, 516 Hwa An Fong (華安坊), North Chekiang Road, O.O.L., while the remainder are living in Ta An Hotel (泰安棧) on Boulevard des deux Republics, near New North Gate.

A committee meeting of the Federation of Street Unions was held at 2 p.m. June 9, at the Lih Dah (立達中學) Middle School in Hwang Ka Chuh (黃家廟路) Road, near West Gate. There were nine persons present. The following resolutions were discussed and passed :-

- 1- That with a view to preparing the way for the re-opening of shops, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs be requested to notify the Consular Body to withdraw the armed police, marines and Volunteers from the Settlement, release all students in custody, and cancel martial law.
- 2- That the Chamber of Commerce be requested to prepare the way for the re-opening of the shops in the Settlement as the owners have already suffered heavy losses.
- 3- That Tseng Tsong Kan (曾宗鑑), Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Admiral Tsai Ting Kan (蔡廷幹), the two delegates appointed by the Central Government to settle the strike, be requested to discuss the matter with the British and Japanese Consuls in Shanghai instead of conducting the negotiations in Peking.

The meeting was presided over by Zung Yih Ding (陳翊庭).

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proprietor of the Vung Kee (鳳記) Glass Factory, who is also a prominent member of the Chapei Volunteer Corps, The proceedings terminated at 5 p.m.

A committee meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce took place at the offices of the Chamber on the afternoon of June 9 to discuss ways and means to settle the strike. It was decided to call a general meeting in a day or two, to which representatives of various Street Unions and other local bodies will be invited. Mr. Zia Tsao Han (謝超侯), representative of Tseng Tsong Kan (曾宗鑑), Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, was among those present.

About 300 male workers and 200 females employed at the Naigai Wata Kaisha Cotton Mills, Nos. 13 and 14, held a meeting at 9 a.m. June 9 in the Labourers' Club at Tan Tsz Wan (潭子灣), Chapei. Liu Hwa (劉華), assistant secretary of the club, who presided, said that the present trouble would not be in vain if it had the effect of making the workers realize the usefulness of being organized in unions. The eagerness of the labourers to join the associations in the course of foundation showed that they had benefited by the lesson, and was a good augury for the future. The workers should support the unions which in turn should do everything possible for the advancement of the welfare of their members. He then advised that each group of workers elect ten representatives to arrange for their enrolment in the Labourers' Club, and the collection of their membership fees. Printed copies of the

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regulations of the Labourers' Club were then distributed among all present. The party dispersed at 11 a.m.

Some 7,000 registered their names for strike pay between 12 noon and 5 p.m. June 9 in the offices of the Labourers' Club at the following houses : Nos. 6, 7, 8, 12, 25, 26, 27 and 28 San Tuh Lee (三德里), Tan Tsz Wan, Chapei.

A notice has been posted in the Labourers' Club, Chapei, calling upon workers on strike to report at the Club at 8 a.m. June 11 when arrangements will be made to enable them to attend a meeting which will be held in the Public Recreation Ground, near St. Catherine's Bridge, on that day.

Another notice has been posted in the Club to the effect that a sum of \$581.00 was received on June 8 from the workers of the Hung Yue (鴻裕) and Hung Tsang (鴻章) Cotton Mills as a contribution towards the relief fund.

The Shanghai Students' Union intends to issue a declaration explaining that henceforth the general strike will only be enforced against British and Japanese concerns, and that Chinese companies will be allowed to resume business as usual.

The Shanghai General Labour Association has now established offices at No. 2 Pao San Lee (寶山里), Paoshan Road, Chapei. The Chief representative of the organization named Li Zung (李成) alias Li Lih San (李立三) is a notorious Kuomintang agitator.

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second temporary office in the Coal Merchants' Guild, No. 25 Foh Yeu (福佑路) Road, Chinese City.

New handbills relative to the strike of sixteen different kinds came into possession of the police on June 9. All of these are more or less anti-foreign. The bulk of them disclose animosity towards all the Powers enjoying extraterritorial rights, and in seven specific attacks are made upon Great Britain and Japan.

Promises that the workers of boycotted mills will be paid twenty cents each per day while they remain idle were made by students at a meeting held in Tseu Kwa Wan (周家湾), Ying Ziung Kong (应子巷) Village, Yangtzepoo, C.C.L. on the afternoon of June 9. The meeting was attended by about 8,000 workers.

A pork butcher charged at the Mixed Court on June 9 for "disfiguring and rendering ineffective" a Municipal proclamation was fined \$30.00.

Enquiries about all the circumstances surrounding the present general strike are being made by Admiral Tsai Ting Kan (蔡廷幹) and Mr. Tseng Tsong Kien (曾宗鑑), Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Commissioners sent from Peking, who are also reported to be endeavouring to find a formula for a solution of the difficulty satisfactory to all parties. The Commissioners have conferred about these matters with the higher local officials and leading members of the Chamber of Commerce. The latter have established contact with the students

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concerned in the management of the strike, and it is claimed that their efforts have ~~xxxxx~~ considerably eased the tension which prevailed.

A meeting attended by Chinese lawyers, journalists and members of the Chinese Students' Union was held on the afternoon of June 9 in a theatre in the Chinese City to discuss the strike. A general discussion marked by moderation took place, but no resolutions were passed. The attendance included Chang Yih Pang (張一鵬), formerly Vice Minister of Justice, Wong Chia Chang (王開彊), Mr. Ting, Wong Tsung Ban (黃鎮盤), Tshu Kyi Bai (蔡德培) and Liao Kwang (巢莖), all of whom are lawyers. The questions which the meeting attempted to solve were (a) whether the present movement is anti-foreign and (b) whether the shooting by the police was necessary ~~for~~ in the interests of self defence. A student named Sun Tso Chi (孫祖基) presided, and was assisted by Dong Auh (唐豪), a prominent member of the National Salvation "Ten Men Group" Society. After the meeting had been called to order, Wong Chia Chang (王開彊) said that the present matter was both a diplomatic and legal question. He then attacked the British people alleging that they held immense powers. A request for moderation was here injected by Mr. Dong Auh (唐豪). Continuing the speaker said that the present treaties were very "unequal" and should be revised. Chinese interests in the Settlement of Shanghai were by far greater than those of foreigners, but Chinese were not allowed

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a place on the Municipal Council. The latter consequently were free to act as they pleased. The departure of the Defence Commissioner and withdrawal of the Navy would place Chinese in a worse position still. The difficulty could only be solved by the termination of extraterritoriality.

Mr. Ting stated that Shanghai was controlled by three bodies - the Council, the Police and the Mixed Court, all of which were in the hands of the foreigners against whom the Chinese had no redress. Whenever Chinese wished to express their grievances in the press they were immediately suppressed. He mentioned that ^{eighty} two years ago China signed the Manchu Treaty and now the Nanking Road incident was to the fore. China had advanced in these years, with the result that unequal treaties should be done away with. This would be impossible unless the Chinese put their own house in order. China's internal politics were in a bad shape and needed adjustment. The speaker mentioned that foreigners once enjoyed extraterritoriality rights in both Japan and Turkey but these nations had freed themselves by putting their houses in order and foreigners now respected them. Unless China would do likewise, she could never hope to succeed. The speaker concluded by urging that the present case be settled by the League of Nations.

Mr. Wong Tz Moh, another lawyer, said that he could not believe that Bolshevism had anything to do with the present trouble. He did not think that the students were in any way connected with Bolshevism and stated that even

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Mr. Walter Chen, North China Daily News, then explained that a man should be presumed innocent until found guilty and advised moderation.

About 120 disbanded soldiers of the Reserves in the Fengtien Army arrived from Hanking at the S.M.R. North Station at 6.20 p.m. June 9 and scattered in different directions.

A party of 32 students from Kiangsi arrived via Hanking at the North Station at 6.45 a.m. June 9. They are now put up in the Po Yang Hotel (北洋旅社), Hua An Fong (華安坊), off North Chekiang Road.

The Chinese Police arrested a woman named Mia Zung Sz (謝傑氏) at the North Station at 10.30 p.m. June 9 in possession of three pistols and 300 rounds of ammunition.

Twenty one officers and soldiers concerned in the opium shooting affray in Chapei on May 30 left for Tsinan by rail at 6.10 a.m. June 10 under escort of thirty Fengtien soldiers. It is reported that these prisoners will be placed on trial by General Cheng Chung Shung (張宗昌).

A Commission consisting of six delegates of the Diplomatic Body in Peking sent here to make in inquiry about the general strike, arrived from the North at the S.M.R. North Station at 6.50 a.m. to-day, June 10.

The Chinese Seamen's Union has established a temporary office in the Com. Merchants' Guild, No. 25 Tsch Yeu (怡生路) Road, Chinese City, where strikers had several consultations

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on the afternoon of June 9. A handbill emanating from this union denounces the Japanese and foreigners for their cruelty in killing Chinese students, labourers and merchants, and urges Chinese to persevere in the general strike until all their demands are conceded.

About four hundred employees of the Shanghai Tramway Co. assembled at 10 a.m. June 9 at the offices of the Shanghai Tramway Co. Workers' Union (上海電車工會), No. 240 Tung An Lee (鎮安里), Kang Woo Road (康和路), Shanghai. The following resolutions were discussed and passed :-

1. That a letter be sent in the name of the society to Mr. Lee Tien Kung (倪天生), Chinese Chief Inspector of the Shanghai Tramway Co. urging him to order the tramway employees to join the strike.
2. That all strikers of the Shanghai Tramway Co. be requested to enrol as members of the society.

The meeting was presided over by Koo Yang King (顧陽鳴), fitter employed in the car shed on Hart Road. Liu Hwei Tsz (劉貫之), secretary of the Labourers' Club, Tan Tsz Wan, Shanghai, and Wong Tsuh King (王華民), a student of the Tsinghua University, were also present.

The Central Labour Society, whose headquarters are at No. 41 Ding Yuen Lee (停雲里), Rue Bluntchilli, sent a circular to various local labour organizations on June 8 requesting them to attend a joint meeting at 5 p.m. June 10 when ways and means to secure redress for the victims of the shooting will be

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discussed.

Visitors to the Chinese Commissioners appointed by Peking to inquire into the strike on the evening of June 9 included Magistrate Kwan, Yu Yui Shing (虞有錫), Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Hsu Yun (許允), Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Yang Siao Dong (楊小堂), Chief Secretary of the Bureau for Foreign Affairs, and Wang Hsing (汪錫武), Superintendent of the Chinese Telegraph Administration.

A report from D. S. Tinkler on the extension of the strike, attacks on trams cars, assaults on Japanese, foreigners, etc. is attached.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. D. I.

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REPORT ON intelligence matters.

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Sir,

The workmen (totalling about 4000) of three Chinese cotton mills viz the Pa Yi 博益, Robison Road and Tonquin Road corner, the Hung Yu 恒裕 Harshen Road and the Tung Yih 統益 Kowloon Road resumed work yesterday morning.

About twenty labour delegates met at 5 p.m. yesterday at No.2 Paoshan Road when they discussed how to deal with a rice shop called Pao Hsi Tai 浩泰 in Ferry Road which is alleged to have supplied Japanese with rice. Some of those present suggested to attack the shop and rob the contents but others objected pointing out that it would lead to Police intervention. The meeting decided to report the matter to Mr. Faung Cho Pah 方伯 of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and ask him to impose a fine on the shopkeeper.

At a meeting held at 8 p.m. yesterday at Tse Tsz Wei Chapel, when about forty persons were present, Liu Go stated that he had received news from the Peking University to the effect that Tuan Chi Jui had agreed to send troops to Shanghai to protect the Chinese residents.

Two foreign employees' Associations have been formed in Chinese territory, one is located in the Shingshan Provincial Association, West Sukong Road, Chapel, the members are composed of ^{Chinese} employees in foreign hongs and the other is at 55 Handung Road, the membership is composed of Chinese employed as houseboys, cooks, etc, in foreign residences.

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REPORT ON General Situation.

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Forwarded by W. Evans C.D.A.

Sir,

The situation in the Settlement has improved to some extent during the past twenty-four hours. Reports from all districts indicate that employes on strike are returning to work in increasing numbers and improvements are steadily being made in the public transport services. The reports show also an almost complete absence of disturbances in all districts, but literature advocating by means of entreaty and threats an extension of the strike is still being distributed by mail and surreptitiously by hand. In contrast with the tranquility of the Settlement, agitators are still active in Chinese territory, where a rather serious shooting case was recorded.

About 6.30 p.m. June 9th. some coolies employed at the Manufacture Ceramique de Shanghai (Brick factory) 100, Brennan or 250, Jessfield Road, interfered with some female workers leaving the Sung Shing Cotton Mill, Brennan Road, which is close to the brick works. It is not thought that this has any connection with strike agitation.

One of the coolies was arrested by members of the Chinese Merchant Volunteers and detained at the Volunteer H. Q. on Brennan Road, not far from the scene.

About 100 other coolies, mostly fellow employes, led by a Chinese foreman from the brick works went to the Volunteer H. Q. and demanded his release, and, on this being refused, created a disturbance. The volunteers fired about 15 pistol and rifle shots seriously wounding one of the coolies who was taken to the Red Cross Hospital. One of the volunteers was wounded in the groin

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(not seriously) by a shot from one of his comrades which penetrated a bamboo fence before striking him. He is now detained at the Shantung Road Hospital.

The shooting took place about 8.50 p.m. June 9th.

Yours Obediently,

[Handwritten Signature]
D. S.

D. G. I.

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