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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE JAPANESE COMMANDER----
-----IN GUERRILLA CHINA

The Japanese Army has driven out your oppressors---
The Chinese Communists from your territory, and the
public safety will be restored by our army soon. We
are sure that all of you are good people, and are not
enemies of Japanese Army. Therefore we will not
encroach upon you, but will guard you, so your people
who have been going away from their homes should come
back immediately.

You must be glad to stay here and restore your work and
business right now. But if we discover that anyone of
you attempt to hinder our army, such as destroying the
transportation line or agitating the people against us,
we must kill them without any excuse. If any soldier
or any group of us is harmed by any one of you, the
whole neighborhood of the criminal must recognize that
they will have the same responsibility for the matter.
If anyone gives us the information about the Koun-
tang's Army or the Bandit's Army(#), we will give
a large reward. We hope that the peace-loving people
will understand what we mean.

(#) This means the Communists Army.

HOW TO ELECT THE NEW VILLAGE OFFICIALS

IN THE GUERRILLA CHINA

We hope the political situation will improve with the military victory. We hope to elect good officials as well as to win the war. But what is a good village official?

There are five important things which we should keep in mind when we choose a good official:

(1) The new officials must, in our judgment, never be a traitor. As we know, some persons have been officials under the enemy, even though they were not willing to do so, but still we should recognize such people may be very dangerous.

(2) The new official must be a loyal and honored person, not one who is greedy. As we know, before the war many village officials gained their positions by bribes. Is not that a low type of trade? We will certainly not allow such things to happen again.

(3) The new officials must be very interested in the poor, then he can do the best for them. We all know that we had a lot of trouble with high rents and taxation before the war. We really need the person who understands the suffering of the poor. So that he can better help them.

(4) The new officials must be have the ability to lead the people and arm them for the defense of their home-land. Also, he should know how to detect spies.

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Introducing Five Candidates For The New Officials

It is a good thing to run for office in any village. Also it is a good thing for you to know something about the candidates. But It do not mean that we limit the freedom of choice in the election.

I am free to say what I want to say about the candidates. But you are ^{free} to elect whomsoever you choose.

(ALSO Hsien Bon)

(1) Wan Yun Wu: He is a poor but but educated person, and his justice has been known to our common people. He is not only determined to join the An-ti Japanese group, but he has also struggled for the lessening of rents and taxation for the peasants.

(2) Lee Nin Sen: Eventhough he is a rich peasant, he is loyal and sincere in his work, he never changes his will under hard circumstances. He fights the enemy with the determination. He has strong political beliefs.

(3) Ney Su Shih: (ALSO Fon I) He is a most progressive educated young man. Also he is very sincere in his support of all war time laws.

(4) Run Su Chen: She is a progressive woman, and very enthusiastic in all matters of public interest. She is a hard worker and has ability well above the average.

(5) Lee San Ming: He is as good as you think of him. He is a just man, very determined in his resistance to Japanese aggression. He is now studying in ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ but he will be back soon. This shows his loyalty to his own people.

P.S.

(xx xx)--I think this means Yen-an.

Y.W.

A Message to America

When we heard that Miss Smedley, an American correspondent, will attend our meeting, the idea of "What does the American think of China?" came to me immediately. I imagine they would think that China has lost a great deal of her territory that the resistance will be a failure, and the nation will fall. They probably would not know that the Chinese army is still fighting here behind the enemy lines.

I guess that they would think that if our territory once had been occupied by the enemy it would be very dark and disorderly, who knows this territory is not only not dark and not disorderly, but we are going to elect the officers of the village and the countryside. We are proving our administrative ability! The political situation is newer and stranger than in free China. Perhaps the Americans think that the people of the occupied territory are slave like oxen or horses-----who knows that the people here only three miles (about one mile) away from the enemy, always have their mass meeting and raise their iron fists and hold their resisting flag up and their roar shakes the heavens, like the big gun when it is shot the Japanese devils' camp!

Miss Smedley! Please tell us is that true? We have something else with which we want you to help us, I think you would not refuse.

First: Please tell the international friends and especially tell your people that our resistance must win and the day of victory will come very soon. This can be proved by the spirit of the people resisting behind the enemy lines. Also please tell the international friends about to-day's meeting.