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Letter from Madame Chiang Kai-shek to Agnes Smedley

October 2, 1940.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE GENERALISSIMO

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Chungking, Szechuan
2 October, 1940

Dear Miss Smedley,

How very good of you to send me the collection of pictures you took in the war areas! I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending them. The pictures themselves are of great interest and some are unique.

I note what you wrote regarding the war orphans in Kioshan. The Refugee Children's Association is being reorganized, and I shall bring to the attention of our Association the plight of these little ones.

During the last few months the Association has been faced with the increasing cost of living and curtailed contributions from abroad. Many of the channels through which we had received donations have, since the outbreak of the European war, been diverting their attention toward European relief. Consequently we are hard put to make ends meet. We shall, however, continue to do our best.

You will, perhaps, be interested to know that the National Women's Relief Association, on the Double Tenth, will concentrate its energy toward helping to relieve the sufferings of our wounded. On that day we shall give every wounded soldier throughout the land ten dollars in cash. For the new year we are planning to give each a padded overcoat and two suits of pajamas. Perhaps you have felt the distress, as I have, in seeing how poorly and dirtily clad are many of the wounded and sick in the hospitals.

I hope your stay in Hongkong has helped you to convalesce. With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mayling Soong Chiang
(Madame Chiang Kai-shek)

Miss Agnes Smedley
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