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4. Average American unusually civilized and decent.  
 Poorly represented abroad.  
 Our foreign policy dominated by commercial interests.  
 Our people civilized but politically adolescent;  
 sometimes political illiterates, particularly regarding  
 foreign countries; Asia in particular.  
 Even today, in midst of war, our policy toward Asia  
 dominated by ~~xxxx~~ future business considerations  
 and by British and Dutch and French empire ideas.  
 White empires say "natives" will be "gradually elevated".  
 British official said American troops must police Burma  
 for ten years to prevent "anarchy".  
 e.g. to give British interests time to get back  
 their industries in Burma.  
 British naval officer recently told me that many  
 Britishers fear that British Tories will be  
 supported by American big business interests to  
 prevent socialism in England.  
 Said Roosevelt's influence on Churchill bad because  
 of this! We think the opposite.

5. Our silence regarding white empires in Asia strengthen  
reactionary elements in China.  
 Believe no difference between Japanese or white imperialism  
 Only if China arms to the teeth is there hope.

Democratic forces in China find little hope or comfort  
or aid from our policy in Asia.

6. Chung Yi's questions before Pearl Harbor.  
 Respect for democracy and for American arms.  
 Questions:  
 Fell in action.  
 Convinced America and Britain would be drawn into war.  
 From first Chinese knew China a prelude to 2nd world war.  
 Chinese political maturity.  
 Youth politically informed and educated.  
 6 1/2 years of war deepened maturity and thought.  
 Political maturity: interlocking political and military  
developments, ever changing and shifting of  
international forces affecting China and world.  
 e.g. questions that agitated entire Chinese front:  
 ✓ Guam.  
 ✓ Abrogation of Jap. trade agreement.  
 ✓ Nehru's visit to China.  
 ✓ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Strikes vs. war materials to Japan.  
 ✓ Boycott of silk by American women.  
 ✓ Col. Stimpson's "League vs. Aggression".  
 General Li Chung-jen's hope for it.  
 Pride as a member.  
 ✓ General Li held Am. industrialists responsible  
for our policy toward Japan.  
 Absolved American people from blame.  
 I did not because, unlike Chinese, our people  
 have democratic rights. But we surrendered  
 power to business men, "political morons"

8. China waited on America to enter war. A holding action.  
 Regarded world war as inevitable.  
 ✓ "China fights for world democracy."  
 "China and USA, two great nations, unite for world  
 peace, freedom, justice."  
 Occidentals branded slogans as vulgar propaganda.  
 Slogans were hope, faith, conviction, of China.  
 Offidentals said no democracy in China. Right.  
 Broad historical viewpoint, China was right--it was  
 fighting a holding war for world democracy.
9. Our press: inefficiency, ignorance of Chinese armies.  
 False reports of victories.  
 Admit this. But false reports a hope.  
 China nothing but hope for years.  
 5,000,000 men have died for that ~~xxxx~~ ragged, hungry hope  
 We must respect that hope and faith and see beneath  
 the hunger and rags of China.  
 Officers inefficient and ignorant.  
 Still stopped Japs with poor weapons at their command.  
 Did not sleep at switch.  
 Decorate 5,000,000 Chinese in our hearts for awareness.  
 One soldier in Hawaii decoated by Roosevelt for  
awareness--heard approaching Jap. planes and tried.  
 Officers and soldiers ignorant.  
 We cannot help but share blame.  
 Unequal treaties and our economic imperialism  
 damned China to poverty.  
 Ignorance due in part to that.
10. Bitter conditions under which China fights, studies,  
reconstructs.  
 Industrial Cooperatives an example.  
 1,000,000 refugees and destitute people.  
 Carried tools and machinery for thousands of miles.  
 Manufactured tools and machinery.  
 US\$1,550,000 each month.  
 Cooperatives creating political-economic democracy.
11. Nat. Health Administration.  
 ✓ Red Cross Medical Corps.  
 Army Medical Service.  
 In midst of war great ~~xxx~~ creative achievements of  
 human will.  
 Socialized medicine of the future basis.
12. Schools an achievement for future.  
 Destroyed by Japs.  
 Built anew from nothing with nothing.  
 More students than before war.  
 Judge a people by achievements with means at their command.  
 Soldiers at front learning letters in dust and sand.

13. 18th Grou and New Fourth Armies great achievements for future Chinese democracy.  
Broad political educational systems among soldiers and civilians.  
Educated people, elected officials, introduced first democratic institutions into China.  
Internal friction caused by this.

14. New 4th Army Article by Chen I in Resistance.  
Analysis of learning, among soldiers.

"Men who have spent years in this Army will have listened to thousands of reports, attended thousands of conferences, read hundreds of books, taken part in tens or hundreds of battles. If, after that, they have not yet learned to drive forward to create a new world, there is something wrong with him, not with the system of training."

"Emulate ancient Chinese spirit of learning".

Maxims:

Tie head to pillar by belt to prevent falling asleep while you study.  
Put pin in the back of your jacket.  
Cut hole in your wall and steal light from neighbor.  
Study by reflected light of snow.

Slogans:

Where no struggle, there is death.  
Only by knowledge can youth learn to reconstruct new world.  
Respect all things created by human labor and intelligence.  
Realize the 3 people's principles.

Despite all charges vs. Communist-commanded armies, I saw fierce fighting combines with introduction of democratic ideas and institutions everywhere.

15. Wherever good Political Departments exist in Chinese armies, armies fight better.  
Reading and writing.  
General knowledge.  
Political knowledge of China and world.  
Something to fight and die for if necessary.  
Guerrillas by wayside-- "new progressive China."  
"After Jap. defeat, no right and no poor--equality."

16. Soldier south of Nanking.  
Volunteer for 2 years. 20 battles plus.  
Wounded twice; malaria once.  
Before war his knowledge 12 words or so.  
Read weekly Army newspaper; not monthly magazine.  
Wrote for wall newspaper.  
Geography of China and world. --no maps.  
No scientific knowledge. Law of gravity.  
"Only 2 years--a man can't learn everything."

World is round: "Well, what of it?"

Malaria cause unknown. Nightingale or Pasteur.

Political knowledge extensive.

Fascist countries and what made them Fascist.

Socialist countries.

Democracies--friends of China in a way.

"Not so very much--matter of degree--you'd better look out

19. You don't like?

Doesn't matter what we thing Chinese ought to thing ;

what we thought they thought;

" " wish they thought.

Millions of men think this way and will influence  
course of Chinese history.

Chinese officials don't like it either.

History will deal with them also.

With this impolite remark, wanliao, or finished, as Chinese say.