

REFUGEE STUDENTS IN KWEILIN FACING STARVATION

The plight of students who have fled from the north largely Honan is distressing. When Communists were gaining ground the government urged schools to move out. The government has given them a food allowance, though in their flights and government moves many times they have had nothing. It is said that ten thousand students left Honan, around two thousand of these are now in four schools in Kweilin or surrounding area. Yesterday representatives from the Kaifeng Commercial College told me that they had not received October food money and that four telegrams to Canton are unanswered. Teachers have given their salaries for food for the school yesterday, but there was no food in sight for today.

Students are swollen from mal-nutrition for only rice does not give the proper nourishment. Many will die unless something can be done for them. Not only do they need food, but also clothes. Many students lost their winter bedding and clothes in their flights. Some were robbed and others sold their winter clothes to get money for food.

Kweilin has a relief committee composed of representatives from the churches, but no funds. If funds could be secured immediately lives could be saved. If ten cents ^{for vegetables} per day could be added to each student's food the mal-nutrition problem would be helped. \$3000.00 U.S. currency per month for three months would add some nourishment. \$4000.00 for clothing would give about two hundred people a warm garment. It is urgent that something be done now while there is opportunity.

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