The Department of External Affairs is pleased that it was able to arrange for Mrs. Jean Kovich, formerly Jean Ewen, to attend today's memorial opening. Upon Dr. Bethune's arrival in China, in January 1938, she served as his translator during an all night conversation with Chairman Mao. During the two years that followed Miss Ewen served as Dr. Bethune's nurse working with him until his death in November, 1939.

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