

Research Department of the Foundation is at present at a critical stage, and Mr. Tao is leaving in March to take up another appointment. I have no recommendations to make in the meantime.

I am, however, attaching to this report a letter from Professor Ho asking for the support of the Institute in an application for assistance which he is making to the Commonwealth Fund. I recommend that you should send an official letter to the Commonwealth Fund supporting this request and intimating that I shall be in New York shortly and will be glad to add any information that I can give the Fund concerning Professor Ho's work, which seems to be on very sound lines and worthy of the support for which he asks. (See Appendix C).

8. The Pacific as a Geographical Entity.

No action was taken by the Social Science Research Council upon this project. The American Research Committee, however, at its meeting November 14th, (page 27), decided to negotiate with Professor Mears for a smaller study of foreign and domestic shipping in the Pacific. The project as it stands at present consists of a study of shipping from the Pacific coast ports of North America. The American Council has invited the cooperation of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs in this project.

Professor Hinton has also brought to my notice a thesis written on Pacific shipping by Mr. Hong Sling of the University of Hong-Kong. This thesis received favourable comment from the external examiner, Professor Dudley Stamp of the University of London and Mr. Hong Sling is now revising and reducing it with a view to publication.

9. Sociological Study of a Typical Chinese City of the Interior.

This project was asked for by sociologists who attended the conference. As a result of my visit to China, however, I believe that the project should be stated rather as a "Survey of a Typical Rural Area" such as a hsien with its central town, smaller market town and surrounding villages. This is the real unit of organisation in China. Such a survey is being made in Ting Hsien near Paotingfu in Chihli by the workers in the Mass Education Movement. It is under the general direction of Mr. Y. C. J. Chen and the field direction of Dr. Feng Rui. Dr. Feng is a graduate of Nanking, a Ph.D. of Cornell and has worked also in the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. The results of the survey are being sent for analysis and description to Mr. Sidney Gamble in New York. Mr. Gamble is the author of "Peking, a Social Survey". From conversations I had with Dr. Feng I believe that he is collecting very valuable material and I recommend therefore that we should await the results of this survey and be ready, if needed, to cooperate with it, rather than begin a new project.

10. The Government of Shanghai Municipal Areas.

This project as developed at the conference consisted of a historical and descriptive treatment of the governmental problems presented by the six municipalities at Shanghai. I am now informed by the secretary of the Chinese Council that he has arranged for Mr. C. L. Hsia to prepare such a monograph for the next conference. Mr. Hsia is the author of "Studies in Chinese Diplomatic History".