

by the Christian missions in China. Many of the greatest Chinese experts in North America were children of missionaries and had been brought up in China. These missions have been forced out of China. They are no longer nurseries for future experts on China. They can no longer produce a Chester Ronning who later returned to China as a Canadian diplomat.

There is thus an ever-diminishing amount of expert, recent, first-hand knowledge and understanding of China in the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa and in the State Department in Washington.

The United States has, I am sure, a vast and most efficient apparatus for collecting information about what is going on in China and analyzing it. But there is probably now no one in the State Department under about forty-five who has that kind of percipience about China which can only come from having recently lived in it for a number of years. Obviously, the more one can move about a country and talk freely to its people, the greater the degree of percipience which can be acquired. But a skilled diplomat - or newspaperman - even if he has to live in a diplomatic ghetto in Peking, will learn something of the inwardness of the country which the