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The Department of External Affairs announced today that arrangements have been made by which some eighty Canadians now in Shanghai will shortly return to Canada by air.

The principal problem which at present confronts Canadians who wish to leave Shanghai is one of transportation. The eighty persons involved in this movement are not financially distressed and are travelling at their own expense. The Department of External Affairs has arranged for the chartering of two aircraft, the obtaining of necessary landing rights for the aircraft, and the solution of certain problems of foreign exchange which have resulted from the intending passengers being unable readily to obtain United States funds in China.

The Department of External Affairs has not yet been informed by its Officers in China of the names of the passengers. The first aircraft with forty passengers aboard is expected to arrive at Vancouver between December 12 and 16.
