

of potassium permanganate, as dysentery was endemic. Milk – bluish in tinge and strange to taste – was severely rationed and only for children. Yet the Fletchers remember life as agreeable in postwar Hong Kong.

The Korean War meant the social scene

was greatly enhanced by visiting forces of many nations, and when the French Indo-China War ended, Tom Fletcher was sent to Phnom Penh as part of the ISCC Commission to implement the truce.



Tom Fletcher and family with the staff members: Linda Chu, Margaret Wong, Eva Leigh, Elvie Arnold and Herbert Ling, 1956.