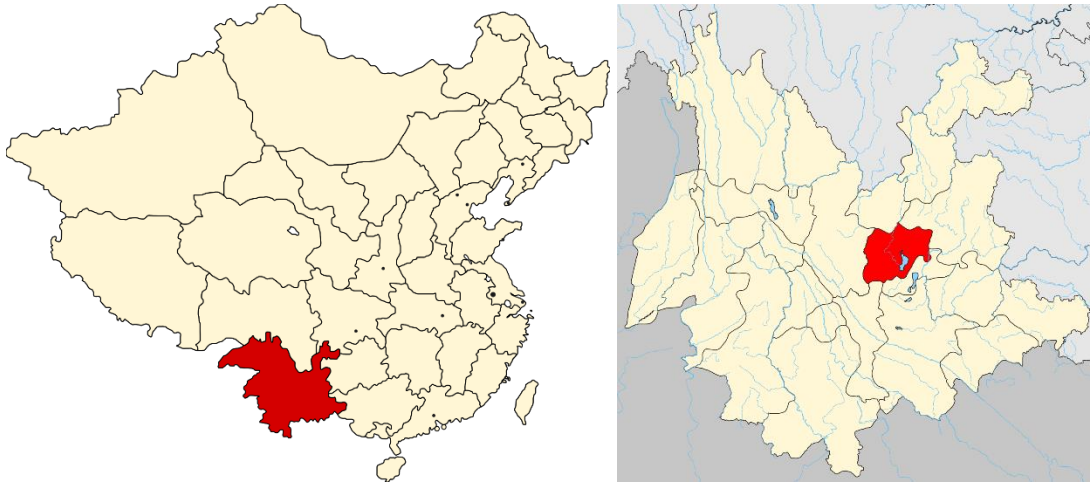


The Wartime Rotary Club of Kunming (昆明扶輪社)

By Herbert K. Lau (劉敬恒) (Rotary China Historian)

1 April 2016



Kunming (昆明), formerly known as Yun Nan Fu (雲南府), was the capital city of Yun Nan Province in the Republic of China (中華民國雲南省). Kunming played a major role during the World War II. Before the Imperial Japan invaded the British Burma, the capital city of Yunnan was the terminus of the “Burma Road” that was used by the Great Britain to supply Chinese Nationalist forces. After the fall of Burma to the Japanese, the Allied continued to supply Kunming by air. Wujiaba (巫家壩), the former airport of Kunming, became a base of American and Chinese air forces, including the “Flying Tigers”, and the American volunteer group (飛虎隊——中國空軍美國志願大隊).

Kunming was transformed into a modern city as a result of the outbreak of the Second Sino-Japanese War in 1937 (and also the China Theatre of World War II since 1941) when the invading Japanese forces caused a great number of east-coast Chinese refugees, some of whom were wealthy, to flood into the southwest of China. They brought with them dismantled industrial plants, which were then re-erected beyond the range of Japanese bombers. In addition, a number of universities and institutes of higher education were evacuated there. The increased trade and expertise quickly established Kunming as an industrial and manufacturing base for the wartime government in Chungking (*Chongqing*) (重慶).

As the result of the Battle of Shanghai (淞滬會戰), Taiyuan (太原) and Nanking (*Nanjing*) (南京) were eventually lost. And with the Battle of Wuhan (武漢會戰) in its death throes, China’s military forces and civilians retreated outside the reach of the Japanese military forces a year prior to the outbreak of the Second World War in Europe, with the relocation of the Chinese Air Force Academy from Jianqiao Airbase (筧橋空軍基地), Kunming’s Wujiaba Airbase was vastly expanded, becoming the new training hub for the battered but regrouped Chinese Air Force in

which Lieutenant General Claire Lee Chennault (陳納德中將) took command of cadet training duties in the summer of 1938. During the Second World War the city of Kunming was prepared as a National Redoubt in case the temporary capital in Chungking fell, an elaborate system of caves to serve as offices, barracks and factories was prepared but never utilized.

When the Japanese occupied French Indochina in 1940, the links between Kunming and the West grew increasingly vital as Allied forces provided essential support by importing materials from Burma. By this time, Kunming acted as an Allied military command center, which grouped the Chinese, American, British and French forces together for operations in Southeast Asia. The 'Office of Strategic Services' Service Unit Detachment 101 (predecessor to the 1st Special Forces Group) was also headquartered in Kunming and whose mission was to divert and disrupt Japanese combat operations in Burma.

Later in the War, Kunming was targeted by the Imperial Japan's Army Air Force during its bombing campaigns, and when the Burma Road was lost to the Japanese, the 1st American Volunteer Group, known as the "Flying Tigers", used Kunming as a base in 1941 and 1942 to fly in supplies over the Himalayas from British bases in India in defiance of Japanese assaults. They also were tasked with defending China's lifeline to the outside world, the Burma Road and the Ledo Road, which had Kunming as a northern terminus.



The "Flying Tigers"

Industry became important in Kunming during World War II. The large state-owned Central Machine Works was transferred there from Hunan (湖南), while the manufacture of electrical products, copper, cement, steel, paper, and textiles expanded.

Due to the political and military strategic situation of Kunming during the wartime, the city was always full of servicemen of the Allied Forces, and of course, no doubt, including many of the war correspondents. 《The ROTARIAN》 magazine, received a piece of correspondence from an American war correspondent, Fred B. Barton, about his observations in the city of Kunming, as well as his attendance in the regular meeting of the Kunming Rotary Club (昆明扶輪社). The report was then published on the magazine's December 1944 Issue. The 2 pages attached below herewith is the reprint of the said Kunming Correspondence:



IN THE courtyard of "the old and tired, yet still proud" Hotel du Commerce, the Rotary Club of Kunming poses for the author's camera.

CHINA

By Fred B. Barton
 American War Correspondent

CORRESPONDENCE

Cuff notes on two Rotary luncheons... where jest and song make any outlander feel at home at once.

KUNMING, CHINA

IN ORDINARY times you would not be visiting Kunming, China. The sight-seeing trips usually show you the coastal cities and towns. But now that the Japanese control the seaports of China, any goods of war and any militarily important visitors entering China must make the journey by air. So you fly over "the Hump," which is a sizable ridge of the Himalayas separating the tea plantations of Assam in India from the rice paddies of China, and come to Kunming.

In your hotel room you see a sign over a wash basin having two faucets, one containing precious boiled water that is safe to drink, the other water for hand washing only. Says the sign: "This pipe's water can't drink." (All right, laugh; but how's your Chinese?)

You walk gingerly down the roughly cobbled streets. Jinrikishas overtake you. An occasional Army truck or jeep, some driven by Americans, some by Chinese, moves along on the left side of the street, as in Britain and in India. Dozens of patient men and some women

carry incredible loads suspended in baskets from a pole balanced on one shoulder. Bricks, fuel, even live chickens in wicker hampers and all manner of farm produce and other merchandise, move along by human power. Watch the men walk. They use a springy step, fairly tossing the weight in the air with each tread so that, to a degree, they do not have to carry the load, but only move it forward.

Step into a store. Prices are high, for China is experiencing inflation. A can of evaporated milk such as you would buy in the United States for 10 or 15 cents costs you about 400 Chinese dollars, or 400 CN's. You have already purchased a pocketful of CN's, either at a bank or through your houseboy or some other informal channel. The rate of exchange varies: this reporter has within a fortnight bought CN's at the rate of 180, 185, and 200 to the American dollar.

When you go shopping, you anticipate difficulty in translating Chinese figures into anything you can understand. You may or may not have learned how to count one, two, three, four: EE, ARH!, SAHN, SZ!—so the book tells you. For

"eleven" you take the word for "ten," which is "SHER," and add "EE," which means "one." It is all very simple.

But don't bother. Any storekeeper knows a quicker system. You wish, say, to order some calling cards bearing your name in both English and Chinese. The printer may write out a figure for you. Better yet, he may uncurl a huge roll of bills from his own capacious pocket and count out whatever number of bills your purchase will cost you. One hundred calling cards cost this reporter 200 Chinese dollars, or about a cent apiece. Not bad in any country, and surprisingly cheap in a land where paper and cardboard of any kind is incredibly dear.

Some customs of China startle you, but you quickly accept them as the natural thing in a country having one of the oldest civilizations in the world. A funeral caravan passes you, the casket being borne by ropes suspended from two poles resting on four men's shoulders. A live rooster accompanies the deceased to the grave, but the rooster comes back. That is to foil the evil spirits which thenceforth will cease to annoy the departed loved one, but will

leave the graveyard with the rooster.

You do well to keep the matter of evil spirits in mind, especially if you drive a jeep. Suddenly, from out of nowhere, a Chinese man or woman (please do not call anyone a "Chinaman," and never, never speak of any person as a "Chink") will dash across your path, missing your fenders by inches. He or she looks back with a cheerful smile as if to say, "Whoopee, I made it!" They love to take a chance, these carefree Chinese. And because they believe that their personal evil spirit follows about three feet behind them, every time they narrowly escape death under the wheels of a truck or jeep they destroy, or at least baffle, their evil spirit and thus enjoy new freedom for two or three weeks. (Evil spirits never stay killed—that would be expecting too much. But what a thrilling way to get rid of your hard luck for a fortnight!)

Yet you cease very quickly to feel a stranger in China. The natives do not regard you as a stranger, but rather as a friend. They are a free people: poor, hard working, to be sure, yet free. They respect themselves and they respect you. They are prepared to like the flying men of America and those from Britain's R.A.F. who have come this long distance both to fight the Japanese from within China and to help train new Chinese troops in the essential science of warfare.

For your welcome the G. I.'s, or American enlisted men, in conjunction with the Chinese, have developed a new international language: a shorthand Esperanto. You learn it in a single lesson. "Ding-how." It originally means "Very good." Today it means variously: "Hello—I like you—you and I speak the same language." It voices a community of ideas. The Chinese bootblacks call every American "Joe." "Want a nice shoeshine, Joe? Ding-how, okeh, Joe."

They smile at you. It is easy to smile back.

Inside the old and tired yet still proud Hotel du Commerce the Kunming Rotary Club sits down to a filling luncheon. You expect perhaps to eat with chopsticks? Then this meal will disappoint you. You have foreign cooking and you eat with knives and forks. The menu is simple: soup, baked beans, a large hunk of delicious salt pork, a roll, coffee, and a doughnut. When I ask for tea, the waiter is surprised; Americans are supposed to love their coffee, but he can get you tea.

The lunch starts informally with the singing of a grace. You sit down, shake hands across the table or nod an acknowledgment of an introduction further down the table, and the meal progresses. It could be a Rotary Club meeting anywhere.

Someone announces a new blood bank, just being launched under American medical auspices, and asks that would-be blood donors see him after the luncheon. Someone announces that the Rotary Club of DeKalb, Illinois, U.S.A., has sent an autographed songbook and suggests that the gift be not only acknowledged with a warm-hearted letter, but reciprocated with something native and unique.

Guests are introduced. A British Army officer from a Rotary Club in Kent now nearly extinct because of the war. A visiting American colonel from Toledo, Ohio. A former member of this Club, now residing in another city of China, back today to say hello to his old friends. And the guest of honor: J. Lossing Buck, most easily introduced as the former husband of Pearl S. Buck, but in his own right an important agricultural economist in China. As a professor at the University of Nanking College of Agriculture, Professor Buck can speak with authority on matters dealing with the

utilization of the soil. Today he discusses the problem of deflating the currency when once the war ends. It is a matter, he says, about which he has also recently addressed the Rotary Clubs of several other cities of China.

The speaker is introduced by the Vice-President of the Club, Everitt Groff-Smith, of the Chinese Consulate Ministry of Finance, and an American now completing 28 years in China. The Club's President is absent today. He is L. C. King, a native of China, but a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is head of the Kunming municipal electric power company and also of a cotton mill. His wife is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, back in Massachusetts, and a member of the board of directors of the International YWCA.

Though Kunming's Rotary Club is essentially a Chinese Club, most of its members went to school in the United States. They are American-minded; or rather, say, international-minded. They certainly are not provincial, not strange, not slow. They get your point. They laugh easily. They are good businessmen, and good citizens.

You are a Rotarian? Then, regardless of where your home Club is, you'd feel at home in Kunming!

CHUNGKING, CHINA

THE first thing you notice is the pedestal of small silk flags on the head table. You have just climbed the long stone steps from Chungking's main street and have entered Victory House. It is Thursday noon. The Rotary Club of Chungking is to hold its luncheon on the open-air terrace at 12:30.

The slight drizzle does not penetrate the tightly woven roof of bamboo. You shake a few hands, hang your raincoat and steel helmet on the hat rack, and

BENEATH a roof of bamboo, the Rotary Club of Chungking sits down to Thursday luncheons. The food is "Western style"—but the fellowship is international.

CHUNGKING welcomes its visitors, and labels them with this badge.



The Rotary Club of Kunming

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nanking (南京扶輪社) from the capital, the Rotary Club of Kunming (昆明扶輪社) was a member club of Rotary International, No. 4298, and in point of seniority came next to the Chinkiang Rotary Club (鎮江扶輪社) of Kiangsu (*Jiangsu*) Province (江蘇省). Informally founded in December 1936 under the supervision of Governor Dr. Fong Foo-Sec (龐富灼博士), the 81st District of Rotary International, the Club was officially elected a member of Rotary International on 28 May 1937 with 32 charter members, as the 20th Rotary Club in the Republic of China. The Club met every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Hsin Yah Restaurant.

The officers were:

- (1) President – Miao Yun-Tai (繆雲台), Chairman, Yunnan Economic Council
(雲南全省經濟委員會常務委員會主任委員)
- (2) Vice President – Dr. Alexander James Watson (華德生醫生), M.D., Superintendent, Church Missionary Society Hospital Kunming (大英傳教會惠滇醫院院長)
- (3) Secretary – Roger D. Arnold (安汝智), General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, Kunming (昆明基督教青年會總幹事)
- (4) Treasurer – T. H. Hoang, Manager, Wing Fung Bank (榮豐銀號經理)
- (5) Sergeant-at-Arms – Reverend Valdemar Borge Molgaard (牟爾加德牧師), Yunnan Representative, British & Foreign Bible Society (英國聖經公會駐雲南代表)

And the Board of Directors was:

- (1) President Miao Yun-Tai
- (2) Vice President Dr. Alexander James Watson
- (3) Secretary Roger D. Arnold
- (4) Treasurer T. H. Hoang
- (5) Chou Chia-Lee (趙家履), Manager, Yunnan Provincial Telephone Company
(雲南全省電話局局長)
- (6) Ho Yao (何瑤), President, Provincial University of Yunnan (省立雲南大學校長)
- (7) Shiao Yang-Hsun (蕭揚勛), Manager, Yunnan Telegraph & Wireless Administration
(雲南電政管理局局長/雲南無線電局局長)

An example of a small club doing a big job --- Show need for railway in summer 1939 --- Realizing the need for a railroad connecting Burma with southwestern Yunnan after a British Consul had spoken at a meeting, the Rotary Club of Kunming immediately started action on the matter, and, working through the Ministry of Communications, within six months saw actual construction of the railroad under way.



Rotary news from Kunming, China, in summer 1943

Fred Simms, Secretary of the Rotary Club of DeKalb, Illinois, U.S.A., has sent to Rotary International Secretariat the below attached letters from Jack and Captain John W. Watson, former active members at DeKalb, thought the information would be of use to the Secretariat.

China - 17 July 1943

An unusual experience was my privilege recently. I attended a Rotary meeting in China. Thought enough of the affair that I prepared a brief memo, copy of which I enclose. It is possible that Rotary International headquarters, would be interested because contacts between Chicago and China---under existing conditions is difficult if not possible. It is an excellent Club with high class membership. They are very much alive and have plenty of imagination, not at all unlike an American club.

Perhaps Fred Simms will be good enough to send the memo to International Rotary and he can vouch for my membership and my present occupation and location in China. Have also sent copy to Ella---want to make certain it gets through to you.

Many of the American clubs do not have the outlook or the pep with this Club has. High class membership makes Rotary progress whether in America or China.

The kinds may be interested in Chinese writing which I enclose. To find meeting place of the Rotary Club I inquired of an English speaking clerk in a bank. He gave me the note, for said he, any one on the street will understand and properly direct you.

The town is normally about 250,000 people but account of war conditions and Jap occupation has a population now of 500,000. It is located in what the Chinese term the backward provinces.

Can't tell you much about my location and movements. You no double have some idea of where we are. Was for three weeks at another base. A few hundred miles provides noticeable difference, in dialect, type of native, progressiveness, towns and countryside. Lack of transportation and communication is one of the many large problems which the Chinese Government has to solve. Hope the family is well.

Good wishes,

(Signed) Jack

An experience of unusual interest to me and one which every Rotarian would have enjoyed, was afforded recently when I attend the regular weekly meeting of the Kunming, China, Rotary Club. One of three or four clubs continuing to function in China, since the Jap invasion, the Kunming Club is active, made up of high class personnel, meets 52 times yearly (at noon

Thursday at Banking Association Club Room), has plans for ladies night, conduct their meeting in same manner as a typical American Club. Twenty-four members, 21 Chinese, 1 American, 1 Englishman, 1 Hollander, comprise personnel of Club. The president is L. C. King, native Chinese, graduate of M.I.T., manager of local Electric Utilities. Secretary is George Ling, garage and service stations. Chairman of Membership Committee is H. S. Chuck, representing Texas Oil Co. Other occupations represented include bank manager, cotton mfr., dentist, architect, paper mfg., Postal Telegraph, Holland Consul, Y.M.C.A., Chem. Engineer, etc. Majority of the Chinese members are graduates of American universities and speak English well.

At dinner, conversation is carried on in English and the program following the meal was conducted in English. One member of the Club had recently been in Calcutta, India, and he spoke to the members on life and customs of India. The talk was interesting, was followed keenly and a few questions were directed to the speaker. To a soldier, who had recently travelled through India and now is located in China, and who for the first time in his life is observing how the Orient lives, it was a talk of peculiar interest to hear a Chinese describe the civilization, life and problems of a neighboring country.

The dinner, which by the cost 30 Chinese dollars, (the official exchange rate between American Money and Chinese Money is 20 to 1, Black Market currently give rate of 75 to 1 in exchange), was excellent and served in Chinese manner. All sit on stools about a round table. Food is served in large bowls placed in center of table. Each diner helps himself from large bowl, using a spoon to place food in small bowl set before him. From then on chopsticks are the means of eating. This business of eating with chopsticks is not acquired at one sitting. The writer after 3 or 4 experiences with chopsticks manages to do passively well. It is an art. Stewed chicken, stewed beef, stewed cabbage, stewed sausage, bamboo sprouts, rice, comprised the menu. All very well cooked and quite palatable from the American view point.

Majority of the Chinese smoke and a package of American cigarettes passed about, following the dinner, seemed to be favorably accepted as a token of international goodwill.

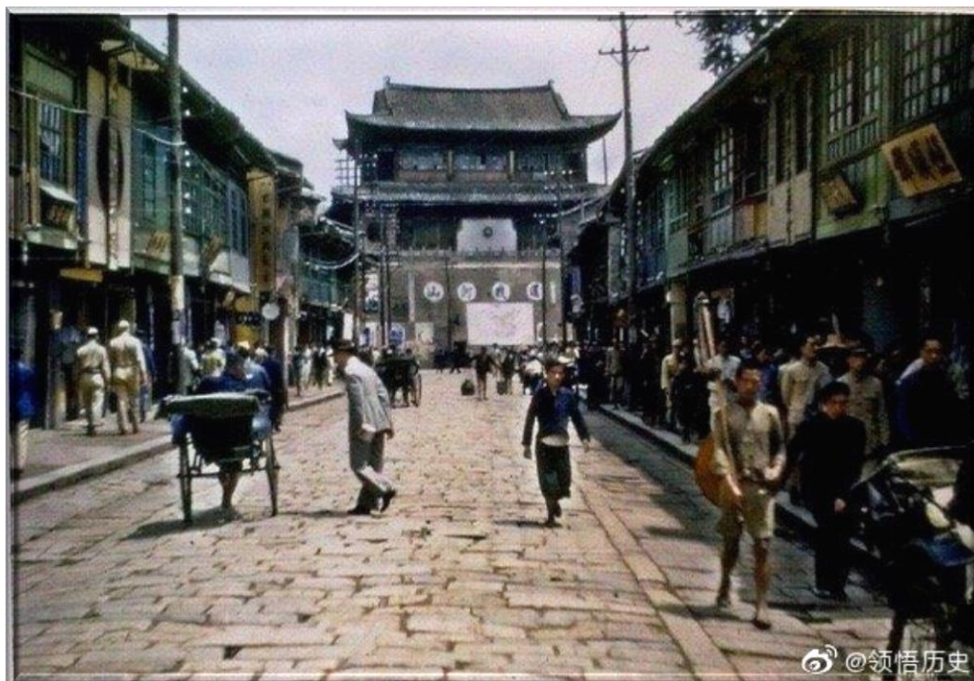
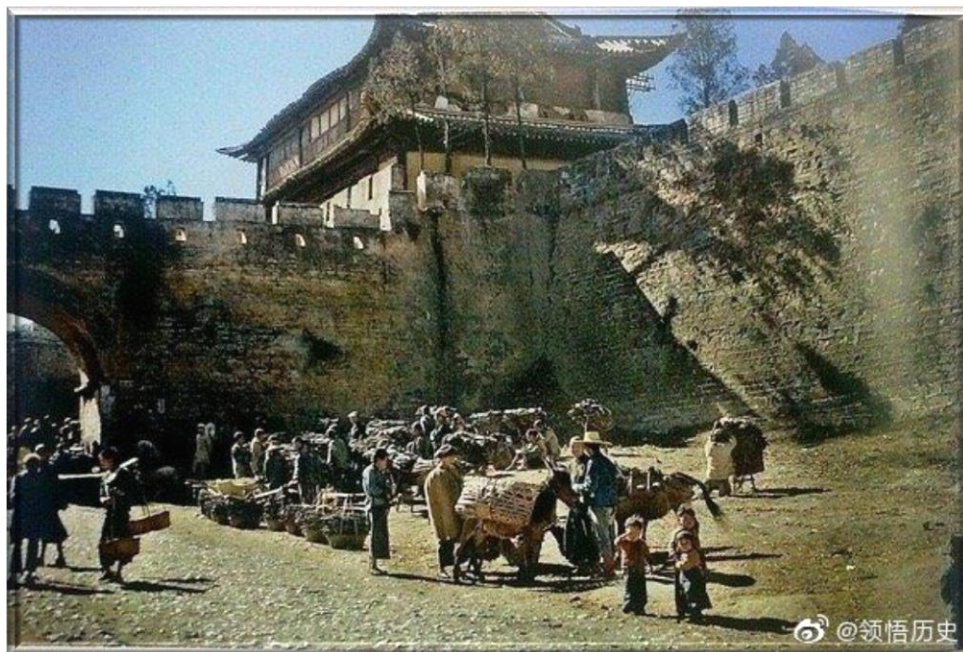
The American member of the Club, Roger Arnold is from Liberty, Mo., a missionary associated with Chinese Y.M.C.A. and has been in China 20 years. He is acquainted with Mel Kennedy of the Champaign Club and knows Mel's son who presently is in this theatre serving with Friends Service Organization. The Britisher, Sam Smith, is associated with Postal Telegraph, has been in China many years, a long time member of Rotary, and related to me details of the meeting at Hong Kong, when Paul Harris and Bob Hill addressed Chinese and other Asiatic Rotarians. The Hollander, member of the Club is J. J. Wierink, Holland Consul in Kunming.

Members told me how much it is regretted that THE ROTARIAN and other communications of International Rotary do not reach them now, account of Jap occupation and

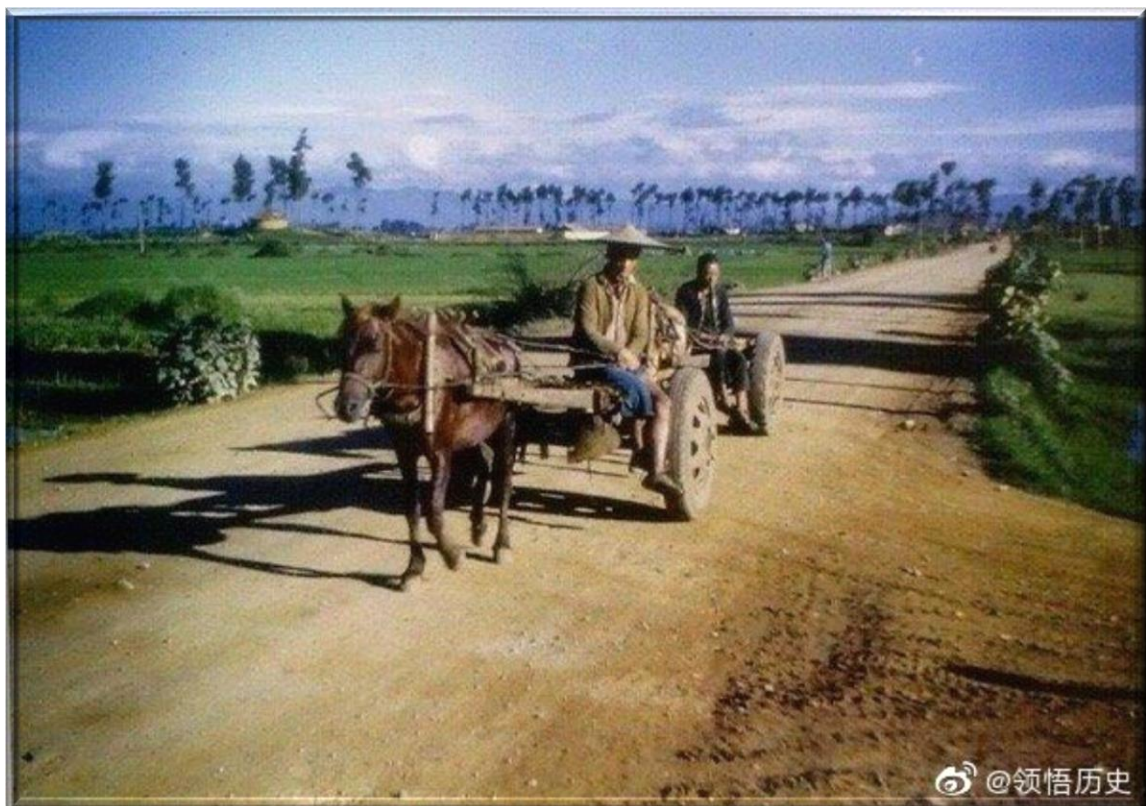
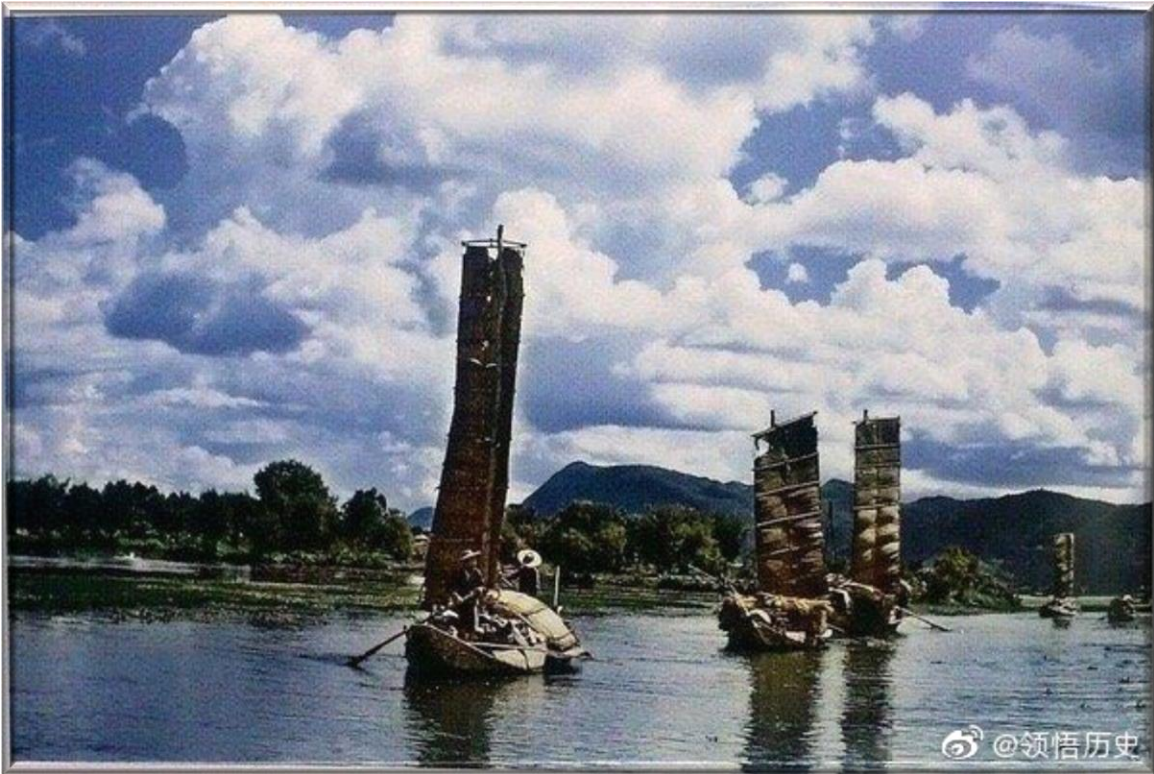
war conditions. This Club has strength and imagination, with good leadership. It will carry on. Always will be a credit to International Rotary.

John W. Watson

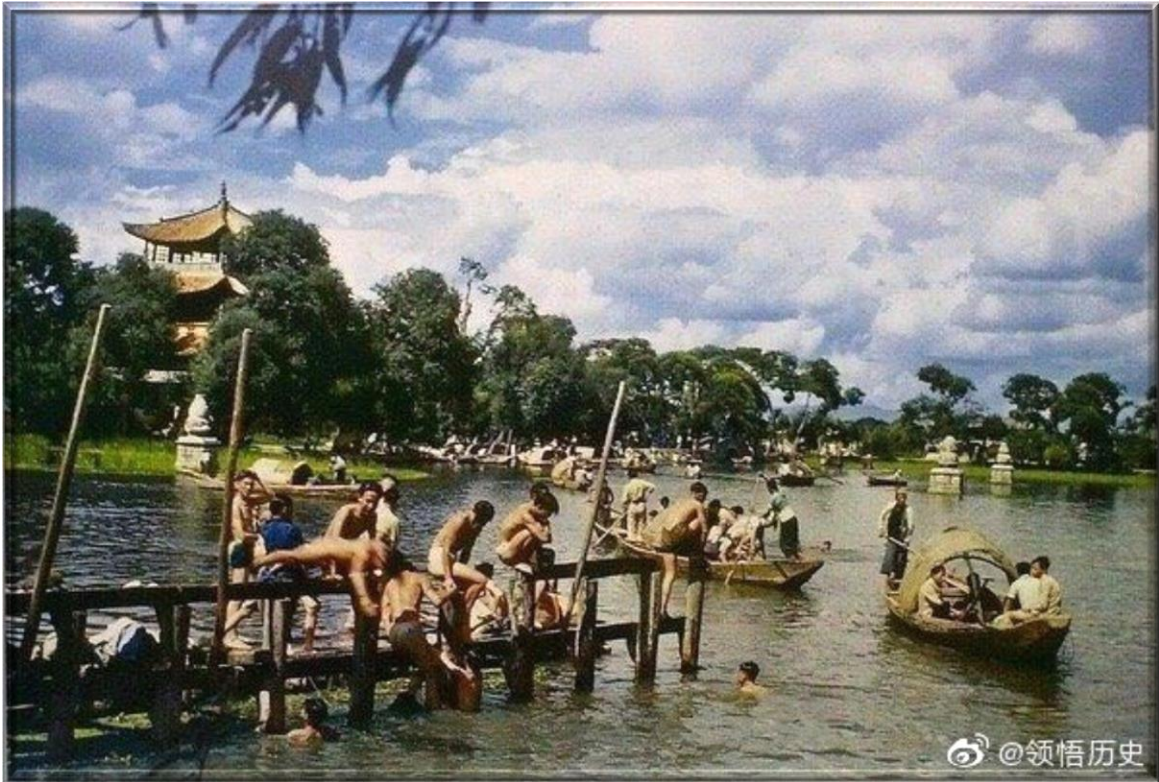
Captain, Air Corps. 15 July 1943



Kunming in 1943



Kunming in 1943



Kunming in 1943

Here is a piece of news clipping in December 1943 《The ROTARIAN》 –

[The Rotary Club of Kunming, China, meets every Thursday, holds occasional “ladies nights,” converses and conducts its programs in English, has 21 Chinese members, one American, one Englishman, one Netherlander. Members sit on stools around a round table, serve themselves to stewed beef, stewed chicken, stewed cabbage, stewed sausage, bamboo sprouts, all tastefully cooked, from large bowls in the center of the table, eat with chopsticks from small bowls. And that’s only a shred of what Captain John W. Watson, of the U.S. Army Air Corps, saw and enjoyed on a delightful visit to this tenacious little Rotary Club in a war-boomed city of 500,000 far in China’s interior. Captain Watson is a former active and now honorary member of the Rotary Club of DeKalb, Illinois, and prior to that was an active member of the Rotary Club of Champaign, Illinois.]

Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Rotary

On 27 April 1945, there was a piece of news reporting the Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Rotary. The Rotary Club of Kunming, China, with 35 active members---4 Americans, 3 British, 27 Chinese and 1 Dutch (or as the secretary expressed it, a membership which represented the first four letters of the English alphabet A,B,C,D) felt that it could not boast much of its attendance. Because of wartime conditions, the Club has been able to maintain only an average of 83.6% this year.

Ever since the Rotary Club of Kunming was organized in 1937, it has worked under difficult conditions. In 1940 and 1941 the city was subjected to constant air raids. People became restless, living became abnormal, properties were destroyed, the records of the Club were lost, but in spite of these handicaps a few members managed to keep the Club going.

The Club was growing in numbers and in knowledge of Rotary.

Among the splendid community service activities constantly being carried on by the Rotary Club of Kunming have been:

- The strengthening of the local Boy Scouts Movement through enlistment of support of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have had experience in Scouting;
- Giving needed help to many worthy students who, because of wartime conditions, have been cut off from contact with their families;
- Support for a school for the blind;
- The raising of \$1,600,000 (Chinese currency) to help establish two hospitals in Kunming to care for sick and wounded soldiers (the Club hoped to raise the figure to two million dollars).

On the eve of Rotary’s 40th birthday, the Club held a Ladies’ Night Meeting which was attended by 180 Rotarians, their ladies and guests. Among those present were 50 American servicemen who were stationed in the area of Kunming, most of whom belonged to Rotary clubs in the United States before the war started. The speaker was Rotary International Director Dr. Chengting T. Wang (王正廷博士) who had come from Chungking for the occasion.



The Rotary Club Kunming celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Rotary in the style of Ladies' Night Meeting

The rescue of a Chinese baby girl

Many a poignant story of human kindness had come out of World War II, but few surpass this one related by Ralph E. Loper, a former Rotarian of Fall River, Massachusetts, U.S.A. He was attending a meeting of the Rotary Club of Kunming one day in 1945 at which an American Army sergeant was present as a special guest. The sergeant told how, about a year before, he saw a package thrown or dropped from a train passing his Army base. He investigated and found that the package contained a live Chinese baby girl---with her throat cut. The soldier rushed the child to his base, where a doctor closed the wound. The sergeant took charge of the baby, and during the months that followed she became an attractive, healthy youngster. Knowing that they were soon to be moved forward, the sergeant and his buddies raised a purse to provide for the child while in an orphanage. He asked that the Kunming Rotary Club take charge of the fund and look out for the child. Yes, the responsibility was accepted.



The establishment of Taipei Rotary Club in 1948

In the year of 1948, some of the members moved to Taipei (臺北) of Taiwan (臺灣). One of them was Roger D. Arnold who was transferred to serve the Young Men's Christian Association in Taipei. Another one Paul Lee (李申稜), served as Club Secretary to help organizing The Rotary Club of Taipei (臺北扶輪社) which was admitted to Rotary International on 9 October 1948.

Regrettably, the Rotary Club of Kunming was ultimately terminated on 21 December 1950 due to unfavourable political and social environment under the Communist regime.

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May 3, 1937

Mr. Chesley R. Perry
Secretary Rotary International
35 East Wacker Drive
Chicago

Dear Ches:

I am pleased to send you herewith the Application for Charter for the Rotary Club of Kunming, together with their check for U.S. \$100. for their charter.

I fear there may seem to be a few irregularities. First, you will note there is the Manager of the Wing Fung Bank, No. 9, and the Manager of the New Futien Bank, No. 30. Banking in China is a little different from that in America and we do not consider that these two men conflict.

Nos. 26, 28, and 32. You will see that these are all under the major classification of Government Service, minor classifications being different. The work of all these departments do not conflict in any possible way, and I hope you will not find this sort of service is against the rules and regulations of Rotary, as I do not want to be constantly violating your rules and regulations.

I hope that the application for Sian and Bacolod will be coming through soon.

REMITTANCE FOR \$ 100.00
Sent to Section of Accounts
By Incoming Mail
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1 draft enclosed
Application for Charter
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Yours sincerely,

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The Provisional Rotary Club of KUNMING, YUNNAN PROVINCE
hereby applies for membership in Rotary International.
(State, Province, etc.)
CHINA

This club hereby declares that it has ratified the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International and that it subscribes to the understandings and agreements printed on the reverse side of this sheet.

1. **List of charter (founder) members**—dated and certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
2. **Constitution and by-laws of the club**—the adoption of which is certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
3. **Check for \$100.00 U. S. Currency**—covering the charter fee as provided in Article I, Section 2 of the by-laws of Rotary International.

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Hour 7:00 P. M.
Place Hsin Yah Restaurant

Provisional Rotary Club of KUNMING CHINA

Dated March 31, 1937

By Yan Tillias Club President
New Futien Bank, KUNMING
 Postal Address
CHINA

Attest: Roger D. Arnold
Club Secretary
YMCA, KUNMING CHINA
Postal Address

UNDERSTANDINGS AND AGREEMENTS:

1. As our constitution, we have adopted the standard club constitution prescribed by Rotary International. This club understands that the club constitution can be amended only by convention of Rotary International. No change in, or amendment to the by-laws adopted by this club which might conflict with the constitution of the club or with the constitution and by-laws of Rotary International will be made without first submitting the same to the secretary of Rotary International for approval by its board of directors.
2. This club will be bound by any and all amendments to the standard club constitution which may be adopted hereafter (as provided in Article I, Section 3, of the by-laws of Rotary International, and in Article XIII of the constitution of this club).
3. This club will remit payment for its members' subscriptions to THE ROTARIAN as provided for in the club by-laws upon receipt of invoice covering such subscriptions. (An obligation of membership in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland. Elsewhere—voluntary.)
4. NO FURTHER MEMBERS will be elected until this club has received official notice of its election to membership in Rotary International. Thereafter this club will faithfully endeavor to add to its membership at least one and not more than three new members each month during the first year of its existence.
5. This club, as a club, will not become a member of, or assume obligations of membership in any organization other than Rotary International.
6. This club is hereby pledged, in its desire to develop true Rotarians and a Rotary club that will function properly as a unit in Rotary International, to maintain the following fundamental characteristics of Rotary:
 - a. The classification principle of membership.
 - b. Attendance, at least in the required minimum for continuance of membership.
 - c. Fellowship, in the establishment of intimate and lasting friendships.
 - d. The use of the club meeting in the making of broader business men—in training men to become more capable of rendering service in their vocations and in the community in which they live.
 - e. The requirement that members strive for the betterment of their craft, particularly stressing higher business standards and practices.
 - f. An obligation to do effective but non-duplicative service in their community, state or province, and country.
 - g. Service to humanity.

This list shall contain not less than fifteen names nor more than thirty-five, except in cities of more than 100,000, in which case it may contain not more than fifty names.

Forward two copies to the District Governor and retain one for club files.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

24 MA, 1937

THE PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB OF **KUNMING CHINA**

List Closed **April 30, 1937**

To the Secretary of Rotary International,

Via DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE (or that of Commissioner)

The following have been duly elected to and have accepted charter membership in this club and have paid all required fees and dues for the current period.

NOTE: Classification given charter member must describe service rendered by his firm. More than one member from the same firm is not permitted on charter list. Only after the club has been officially elected to membership in R. I. can it admit additional active members. Every question must be answered. **Order of names - Alphabetically by surnames.**

Name of member	1) Arnold, Roger D. <i>Recy</i>	5) DENG, Hung Fan
Name of firm	International Committee YMCA	Kunming District Court
Executive position	General Secretary Local YMCA	Judge of the Court
Club classification	Ass'ns; Yung Men's Ass'ns 4	Judiciary 44
Business address	YMCA, Kunming China	Kunming District Court
Residence address	5 Shu Lin St.	110 Hsing Lung St.
Name of member	2) CHANG, Fu Jing	6) DSEO, H. D.
Name of firm	Bureau of Reconstruction	New Futien Bank
Executive position	Executive-Cotton Growing Division	Secretary
Club classification	Cotton Industry - Cotton Growing 17	Business Service; Statistics & Reports
Business address	Bureau of Reconstruction	New Futien Bank
Residence address	5 Yung Ning Kung Poa	Yü Yuan, Chien Hsiao Back Lane
Name of member	3) CHEN, F. Y.	6) EVANS, Rev. Alfred
Name of firm	Yunnan Economic Council	Methodist(Eng.) Missionary Society
Executive position	Technician 21	Chairman, S. W. China District
Club classification	Engineering; Mechanical Engineering	Religion; Christianity - Protestantism
Business address	Yunnan Metal Working Factory	Zion Church 66
Residence address	93 Hu Kuo Street	Shih Chiao Pu
Name of member	4) CHOU, Chia Lee <i>Administration</i>	7) FAYARD, C.
Name of firm	Yunnan Provincial Telephone Co.	Descours & Cabaud
Executive position	Manager	Yunnan Manager
Club classification	Communication Service; Telephone 14	Hardware; Distributing 34
Business address	Yunnan Provincial Telephone Co.	Descours & Cabaud
Residence address	35 Wei Chia Hang	33 Hsün Ching Street
		Formerly member Bangkok, Siam.

(Please indicate which members, if any, were formerly members of a Rotary club, and give name of that club.)

List of Charter Members

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The Provisional Rotary Club of KUNMING CHINA

Name of member	8 HO, Yao	13 LEPETITPAS, Rene
Name of firm	University of Yunnan	Construction Lepetitpas
Executive position	President	Proprietor
Club classification	Education; University Administration	Gen'l Contracting; General Contracting Construction
Business address	University of Yunnan	Construction Lepetitpas
Residence address	Shih Ping Guild	Villa des Muriers
Name of member	9 HOANG, T. H.	14 LEE, Kuo Ching
Name of firm	Wing Fung Bank	University of Yunnan
Executive position	Manager	Professor
Club classification	Finance; Loans	Education; Teacher Training
Business address	Wing Fung Bank	University of Yunnan
Residence address	Huang Kung Kuan	14 Pei Tsang Poa
Name of member	10 HUA, Hsin S. (Hsin S.)	14 LIAO, Pin Chow
Name of firm	Yunnan Auditing Bureau	Tien Chien Sui Ching Kung Shu
Executive position	Head of Bureau	Chief of Staff
Club classification	Business (Service); Accounting	Gov't Service; Public Defense- Land
Business address	Yunnan Auditing Bureau	Wu Hua Shan
Residence address	Er Tu St., No. Hsiao Tu Lane	4 Hua Yuan Hang
Name of member	11 KING, Lung Chang	15 LOO, Han
Name of firm	Yunnan Economic Council	Yao Loong Electric Co.
Executive position	Technician	Chairman, Board of Directors
Club classification	Engineering; Electrical Engineering	Electrical Industry; Electric Light & Power Service
Business address	New Futien Bank	Yao Loong Electric Co.
Residence address	Hui Tien Hospital Compound	5 Ching Lien Street
Name of member	12 KUNG, T. C.	16 LOU, Liang Che
Name of firm	Bureau of Education	Commercial Press
Executive position	Commissioner of Education	Manager, Yunnan Branch
Club classification	Education; Public Schools	Printing & Publishing; Book Distributing
Business address	Bureau of Education	Commercial Press
Residence address	19 Ta Hsing Street	Same

Even if club has fewer than 19 charter members, the third sheet of this form is to be signed and submitted.

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The Provisional Rotary Club of KUNMING CHINA

Name of member	17) MIAO, Yun T.	21) PATOUX, A.
Name of firm	Yunnan Economic Council	Compagnie Francaise des Chemin de Fer de l'Indo-Chine et du Yunnan
Executive position	Chairman	Traffic Manager
Club classification	Metal Mining & Refining, Smelting & Refining	Transportation, Railroad Transportation
Business address	New Putien Bank 50	Yunnanfu Railway Station 73
Residence address	Chien Chu Street	Same
Name of member	18) MOLGAARD, V. B.	22) PENFIELD, J. K.
Name of firm	British & Foreign Bible Society	State Dep't., Washington, D. C.
Executive position	Yunnan Representative	Foreign Trade Officer
Club classification	Associations, Religious Organizations - Bible Society 4	Gov't Service, Foreign Gov't Trade Service 32
Business address	78 North Gate Street	American Consulate
Residence address	Same	Same
Name of member	19) MUSCHI, L. A.	23) POND, B. L.
Name of firm	L. Rondon & Co., Ltd.	Yung Koo Engineering and Contracting Co.
Executive position	Yunnan Representative	Proprietor
Club classification	Firearms & Explosives, Ammunition Distributing 25	Engineering, Civil Engineering 21
Business address	41 Hsing Jen Street	8 Taihuo Street
Residence address	Same	Same
Name of member	20) NGOI, Do Clong	24) SHIAO, Y. H.
Name of firm	Standard Vacuum Oil Company	Yunnan Telegraph & Wireless Administration
Executive position	Yunnan Manager	Manager
Club classification	Mineral Oil Industry, Refined Oil Products Distributing 52	Communication Service, Telegraph & Cable Service 14
Business address	Standard Vacuum Oil Co.	Telegraph Office
Residence address	Same	7 Ta Lu Shui Ho

It is agreed (a) that no new members shall be admitted into this club until its election as a member club of Rotary International has been completed; (b) that this club will steadily seek to increase its membership so that each distinctive and legitimate phase of service in the community shall be represented in the club; but (c) during its first year not more than 3 new members shall be introduced in the club each calendar month.

We, the officers of the Provisional Rotary Club of KUNMING CHINA, do hereby certify that the above constitutes the charter membership list and the agreements of this club, including Sheet 3A attached.

Secretary

President

List of Charter Members

Sheet 3A

THE Provisional Rotary Club of KUNMING CHINA

25 TCHENG, Tehang

Delegation du Ministère des Affaires
Étrangères au Yunnan

Head of Department

~~Gov't Service~~ Foreign Trade Promo-
tion

Delegation du Ministère etc. as above

2 Fu Chun Li

29. YANG, C. C.

New Futien Bank

32 Manager

~~Finance~~ Banking-Commercial 23

New Futien Bank

8 Chuan Heueh Hang

26 TURNER, W. P. W.

Foreign Office, London

Consul General

Foreign Gov't Service Consular 32

H. B. M. Consulate-General

Same

30. YANG, T. Z.

New Futien Bank

Head of Dep't; Rural Economics

~~Agriculture~~ Cooperative Market-
ing 3

New Futien Bank

c/o Yung Chang Chiang

27 WANG, Tehang Ky

Delegation du Ministère des Affaires
Étrangères au Yunnan

Special Delegate of Ministry

Government Service - Diplomatic 32

Delegation du Ministère etc. (as above)

24 Kung Yuan Street

31. YEW, Dr. H. P.

C.M.S. Hospital

Hospital Superintendent

~~Institutions & Hospitals~~ 38~~Hospital Operation~~

C. M. S. Hospital

Same

28 WATSON, Dr. Alexander J.

C.M.S. Hospital

Member Medical Staff

~~Medicine~~ Physician & Surgeon 49

C.M.S. Hospital

Same

32 YUAN, Pai Yeo

Yunnan Provincial Gov't

Permanent Chief Secretary.

Provincial Gov't

~~Gov't Service~~ Government Admin-
istration - Provincial 32

Wu Hua Shan

7 Yu Lung Tui

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MEMORANDUM FROM EXB SECTION TO

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NOTICE *of* ADMISSION *to* MEMBERSHIP
in ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

of the
ROTARY CLUB *of* Kunming, ~~Shanghai~~ China (DIST. NO. ⁸¹.....)

as of
(date) 28 May, 1937

C.R.P.
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1 June, 1937

Date

The charter number assigned to this club by EX is:

Charter No. 4298

[Signature]