

LOCAL CHINESE DEEPLY WORRIED BY DEADLY PERIL

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Live in Areas Which Are
Being Bombed

Appeal For Relief Funds Will
Be Made Here at Meet-
ing Wednesday

Almost 100 per cent. of the Chinese residents in Canada have mothers, fathers or other near relatives living in the Canton district of China, which is being bombarded regularly by Japanese planes, Ing Hoan, spokesman for Hamilton Chinese, said to-day. A method of donation has been in effect here about a month, whereby Chinese business men contribute monthly \$20 in Chinese money and working men contribute \$10 each. Even the unemployed Chinese have been assessed \$5 monthly for the war in the currency of their native land.

Public Appeal

First appeal to the local non-Chinese citizens, Mr. Hoan said, will be made this Wednesday at 8 o'clock in the evening at the Sunday school auditorium of the First United church. H. C. Tao, described as one of China's foremost educationists and former dean of Southeastern university, Nanking, will speak under the auspices of local Chinese and the Canadian League For Peace and Democracy. The silver collection is to be devoted to relief of war sufferers.

The assessments of the Hamilton Chinese have been placed toward subscription to a victory loan. With the plan effective about one month, Mr. Hoan said, the sum of about \$4,000 in Chinese money has been collected—about \$2,000, more or less, in Canadian currency.

"Every Chinese in Canada is affected by the bombardments in the Canton area. Hundreds of their relatives may be wiped out by bombs any time," he said. So far, he knew of no local Chinese who had been bereaved by war operations, but this could happen "at any moment."

Deadly Worry

Mr. Hoan said that a Hamilton Chinese woman had committed suicide recently. Her two children were in the care of her mother in the Canton district. The mother died of illness, and the children's mother, worried for their welfare because of war conditions in her native land, could not withstand the mental anguish.

The speaker Wednesday night will be one of the founders of the Chinese People's Education movement and one of the leaders of the National Salvation Movement. He speaks English fluently. Last year he headed the Chinese delegation to the World Peace Congress at Brussels. Since then he has travelled extensively in the United States.

Malcolm Mackenzie Ross, general secretary of the Canadian League for Peace and Democracy, has said: "The league is issuing a nation-wide appeal for funds to purchase medical supplies for the stricken Chinese people. Moneys obtained will constitute a special fund to be used by the national executive in the purchase in Canada of ambulances and other necessary equipment to be shipped under competent advice to the most severely affected areas of China. The appeal is endorsed by such men as Sir Charles G. D. Roberts."

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