

Tsingtao Jan 14-16 th of 1951.

"The last two weeks have been a turn point in the mission history out here in China, and it has been to the worse. The churches and schools have been under a terrific pressure and strain, something which never has existed before. They had to register if they were to continue, that is to get permission from the authorities. Naturally this does not go very fast. The most important thing is that personal contact as far as missionaries are concerned will be cut off. The churches must show their love to their country and hate to the foreigners by parading through the streets.

The churches work and decide according to higher ups decisions. The presbyterian and methodist churches have let their missionaries understand that it is best for them to leave. The President of the seminary has told me and miss Pearl Johnson that we ~~may~~ cannot continue as teachers. At a meeting yesterday for representatives of religious the authorities made clear that missions and missionaries must discontinue. Our chinese pastor wondered at the Swedish-Chinese conference if it was time to tell me to discontinue my work among them. It will surely happen soon, even against their will. If I no longer can serve I take it as Gods will for me to leave. An other thing is if they let us leave at once."

Chicago Febr. 1st. 1951.

Dear Edith,

Thanks a lot for your letter of Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and for Chaplain Sanders card. He was married the 20th of Jan! I have no time to write a long letter just now. I am writing to several Boards about the situation in China. The above few lines are a translation of a couple of Oscar letters I just got. Because Oscar writes to me in Swedish I can get more informations, or all missionaries here are very anxious to get news as you well understand, and I am so busy to write to Sweden too. It's certainly no good news from China, hope Oscar can get out now. He told me to be very careful when I write, I think just for a while is best not to write to them. I will write an airtel now and then in Swedish.

I havent heard any from Maggie, would like to visit her too, a day or so. I am invited to Mr and Mrs Keim in Washington, cant say the day yet when I am coming to you, but I think it will be around the 9th of March. I will be thankful to you if you will send me over \$ 44: - I havent been so well the last week, got such a neuroshake that I havent had for a year, and of course my terrific headache. I must buy more medicine and it is so expensive. I still have a little money on the bank here, but I must save some for Oscar if he comes this way. I know he wants that so bad, to see you all. We have to pay this extra expenses for the trip of ourselves, the Board only pay the cheapest way.

Much love

Hellan.

Edith writes about the money, we must write a little and see. We've read a few times to Washington for Pearl and this has worried me, I might go up there for a couple of days.

H.P.