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APPEAL FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT

Communication from the Chinese Delegation.

Note by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has the honour to circulate to the Members of the Council and of the League the following communication dated March 3rd, which he has received from the Chinese Delegation.

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Geneva, March 3rd, 1932.

To the Secretary-General.

I have the honour to communicate herewith the following telegram, dated the 3rd of March, which I have just received from Shanghai, and shall be obliged if you will circulate it among the Members of the Council and of the League:

"A portion of the garrison at the Woosung Forts has been ordered to hold out to the last minute, although the main body has been ordered to withdraw to the second line of defence. Woosung is now completely surrounded and the Japanese are fiercely bombarding it on all sides. Fate of the remaining garrison is sealed, as all the guns have been put out of action. Severe fighting is in progress near Nankiang, our rear guards are staging frequent counter-attacks to cover the retirement. Japanese troops are planning to press beyond the twenty kilometer line. Several Red Cross units, proceeding from the Settlement to bring in the wounded soldiers, were fired upon by Japanese troops and were forced to turn back."

(Signed) W.W. YEN.