

SHIPMENT OF CLOTHING OF THE VALUE OF ONE AND A HALF MILLION H.K.\$ SENT BY N.C.W.C. WAR RELIEF SERVICES FOR DISTRIBUTION IN HONG KONG

Last Friday the M/S Alexa Maersk sailed into Hong Kong Harbour with a shipment of one thousand and twenty-eight bales of bedding and clothing to the value of H.K.\$1,402,933, for distribution among the many needy and refugees of the Colony.

This substantial gift was made available by the National Catholic Welfare Committee, War Relief Services of the United States of America. The goods were collected by school children, clubs and agencies there. The shipment cost N.C.W.C. U.S.\$5,700.00 to transport here.

The N.C.W.C. office in Hong Kong has placed the distribution of the goods in the capable hands of the Committee of The Chinese Catholic Club. This Club has contacted 39 Catholic Institutions, representing 15 Religious Communities and 25 nationalities. As well the Government Social Welfare Organization will benefit by the gift of 500 bales which will be distributed among the refugees at Junk Bay, and at the Social Welfare Centres at North Point, Homantien, and Diamond Hill.

The Catholic Institutions will distribute the clothing to refugees, Shoe-Shine boys, Poor Club children, the blind, the lepers, and the free schools.

Mr. Donald Yeung of The United Delivery Company has been most generous in unloading the shipment and in giving go-down space at a very low cost. As well this Company has provided trucks, at a minimum rate to convey the bales to the distribution centres.

Mr. O'Neil Shaw of the Import Control was most helpful in

clearing the shipment and allowing it to reach the people at the earliest possible time.

The many letters of thanks received from the institutions and welfare centres who are distributing the clothing bear testimony of the great need which this gift is filling among the destitute here. Blankets given to refugees who are sleeping in the streets of the Colony at night have been received with intense gratitude. Refugee families have been set up with clothing to make the long journey to

Taipei in comparative comfort. Clothing given to children has undoubtedly saved many from sickness. Men and women have been given a glimmer of hope for the coming months.

To the people of America who have given so generously, and to the National Catholic Welfare Committee, War Relief Services who have borne the large cost of transport, to the Chinese Catholic Club who have organized the distribution, the needy and refugees of the Colony of Hong Kong, say a big "thank-you".

BALES OF U.S. GIFT CLOTHING



Mr. Paul Cheng, Hon. Sec. of The Chinese Catholic Club, and Mrs. S. C. Lam, Vice President, check a number of bales at the United Delivery Co. prior to distribution.



(1) Refugees filled the paths outside the Cathedral waiting and hoping for a gift of bedding and clothing, which was being distributed.

(2) Members of the Catholic Centre Staff organized the distribution of 18 bales of clothing in the Nam Wah School last Saturday afternoon.