

countries in the matter of radio telephony, and upon this forthcoming event the Ministry of Communications is to be congratulated.

The Death Of Professor Giles

THE death of Professor Herbert Allen Giles will be bemoaned not only by his fellow sinologues abroad but also by his many friends and admirers in this country. Professor Giles first came to China in 1867. He was appointed vice-consul at Pagoda Island in 1880 and vice-consul at Shanghai in 1883. He served as consul at Tamsui in 1885 and occupied a similar post at Ningpo in 1891. While in China, his spare time was mostly taken in the study of Chinese language and literature. That he was proficient in the language is attested by the fact that he was one of the very few foreign scholars who could write in the literate or "wen" style. After his resignation from the consular service in 1893, he went back to England, and four years later was made professor of Chinese at Cambridge University. He then entered upon a most fruitful period in his life, and wrote many books dealing with Chinese life, literature and language. Among these, the best known undoubtedly are his translations from Chinese poetry and prose, and his volumes on the history of Chinese culture and literature. Unlike many of his generation who had been in this country before the days of the revolution, and consequently had no sympathies with the thoughts and outlook of the younger and more progressive elements in China, Professor Giles remained to the end appreciative not merely of her past glories, but also of her present problems and of her aspirations for the future. He had been a great friend of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and used to recall with pleasure the many chats he had with the late Kuomintang leader. Like the true friend of the Chinese people that he was, he never failed to have a kind word to say of what Mr. J. O. P. Bland is pleased to call the young political upstarts in China. Of him one may truly say that he is a scholar, and a gentleman too—and as such, we feel sure, he would always be honored by those who know him here and abroad.

"Boxing And National Psychology"

AN editorial with the above title recently appeared in the columns of *The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury*. Quoted in full, it reads: "Enthusiastic Hunanese promotion of the ancient art of Chinese boxing, as described by Mr. L. Z. Yuan as result of his recent tour through Hunan affords one of many interesting sidelights on the activities of those who are laboring in interior China to strengthen the national spirit. It is obvious that more than ordinary physical culture is the aim of General Ho Chien, chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government. In fact, Mr. Yuan states that the provincial Institute of Boxing, established at Changsha in affiliation with the National Institute of Boxing in Nanking, is part of a general movement to 'militarize' the province. But we are inclined to think the matter has a more constructive though less specific aspect; that it is more to be compared with General Chiang Kai-shek's New Life Movement, and part of the general urge toward developing a greater national consciousness through improving the physique and morale

of the individual. All soldiers and students in Hunan must receive rigid training in this art, which is considered the mother of Japan's ju-jitsu. General Ho is himself an expert boxer and he has been practising at the scheduled hours every day, in spite of pressure on his time from other quarters. All his divisional commanders are required to learn and to keep in practice, while in school, Chinese boxing is a required course of study. Teachers must take part along with the pupils. The institute and the People's Club, which is the social center of Changsha, are giving boxing instruction to 1300 persons, largely clerks, shop assistants and workers, while the institute's normal school is producing its three-hundredth graduate. Another indication of the various places that Chinese boxing is being promoted was given recently by *The Shanghai Evening Post* when it published a picture, snapped by a representative visiting Kiukiang, which showed a Chinese boxing drill conducted by boy scouts at the Kiukiang 'Communist Bandit Reformatory'—all these lads having come from former communist areas. It would certainly be an exaggeration to say that the salvation of the country lies either with Chinese boxing instruction or with the New Life Movement, but both appear to be playing their parts in laying the groundwork, at least, for a new national psychology." No comment to the foregoing is perhaps necessary, but we may perhaps suggest just one thought, namely that the Editor of *The Evening Post* is right in saying that "it would certainly be an exaggeration to say that the salvation of the country lies with boxing training."

Welcome, Sister!

SISTER Aimee is in Shanghai! Just at a time when everyone is feeling pretty gloomy and tired as a result of too much Spring festival celebration, our beloved sister has arrived in our midst, bringing with her the most interesting news that Christ may come again on earth "any minute." Hearing this, the skeptics and infidels are apt to exclaim after the fashion of Sister Aimee's countrymen: "Oh, yeah!" or something to the same effect. Others, like ourselves, who always enjoy a story well told or a play well acted, though ostensibly they may not be, to our knowledge, true, would, however, think otherwise. We know after all that Sister Aimee is an artist in a class by herself; and as such has the license to say whatever she likes. As far as we are concerned, we are quite willing to let her display her histrionic talent to the fullest possible extent. It will not do us any harm; on the contrary, it will do our weary hearts a lot of good. We have no prejudice, for we are only too ready to be entertained by her. Looking over the cinema advertisements in the papers recently, for instance, we found that there is not a show to which we should like to go. Then our eyes suddenly caught the headline in the front page that Sister Aimee will soon conduct a mass revival meeting at the Auditorium, and immediately we knew that our search was at an end. Yes, the day she preaches, she can count on it that we will be there, and all our friends and relatives too. We will give her a big hand, such as we are not going to give even to Greta Garbo in person. If necessary, we would even permit ourselves