MADAME SUN’S STATEMENT ON CIVIC LIBERTY

I am astounded that all those who have come to the defence of Mr. Chen Tu-hsiu are attempting to avoid the basic issue of political terror, which the Kuomintang wages unceasingly against the Chinese working class, the peasants, and against students and revolutionary intellectuals, and occasionally against factions within or close to the Kuomintang which even enjoy the support of some of its most influential members—as appears to be the case with Mr. Chen Tu-hsiu.

As an example of the fact that the present defenders of Chen Tu-hsiu are attempting to avoid the basic issue of political terror, we have the statements of individuals like Mr. Kwai Chung-shu who sought to give the impression in a recent article that those liberal Chinese and foreigners who came to the defence of Pau and Gertrude Ruegg did so only because they were foreigners and not because their arrest and persecution involved fundamental political issues, both national and international. They don’t even point out now that among the thousands who fell before this Terror, were two sons of Chen Tu-hsiu himself who were members of the Chinese Communist Party. Mr. Kwai sneered in China due to a failure to understand the real goal of policy, has led to the present absurd impossible position. Until the Lytton report is published and until it is understood how far Japan is prepared to move, if at all, it is impossible to suggest a line of action, but one thing is certain: if the Powers, including Japan, value their business relations with China, they will have to make their aims a concerted policy of supporting a stable and peaceful Government.

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A LETTER TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FROM THE SHANGHAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Japan has, in utter disregard for international obligations to respect the sovereign rights of another nation, forced China, at the point of the sword, to sign treaties giving away vital rights and privileges; but she, herself, does not hesitate to trample under foot the very same treaties, refusing to observe the little that has been her part of the undertakings and going beyond the limit she herself has set. And, while considering China’s demand for the abolition of the 1915 Treaty as a respectable for international obligations, she has no