

Chinese Industrial Cooperatives

General Report

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Wherever the Japanese military have penetrated into our country they have systematically destroyed every means of livelihood so as to impoverish and leave destitute our surviving civilian population. Furthermore the enemy have endeavored to destroy the morale of our people and break down our national resistance by flooding the occupied areas with heroin, opium, morphine, and other narcotics.

The Japanese do this because they realize that unless we are able to reduce our people to a state of physical, mental, and moral degeneracy and slavery they will be unable to conquer China regardless of how much territory they may claim to have "occupied."

Our friends and our people, therefore, should realize that whether during war-time or during the period of reconstruction, or in the high tide of peaceful prosperity, it is essential, in order effectively and fundamentally to help our distressed people, that we should encourage and assist them to maintain their self-respect by earning their own living rather than be content to subsist upon charity.

This can be done by supplying them with productive and constructive work so that they may feel that by applying their strength and their energy to the production of necessities of life they are earning their own livelihood and so, at the same time, contributing their part to national resistance and reconstruction.

The Industrial Co-operatives, because of the principles on which they are founded, can contribute admirably toward this goal. All help that can be given for founding co-operatives will materially assist in up-building the character of the people as well as in re-establishing the country that has been so wantonly ruined by the aggressors.

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