

COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED ASIAN SCHOLARS (CCAS) SECOND FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION
TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MARCH 10 to APRIL 14, 1972

Itinerary of Group #1, prepared by William Joseph

MARCH 10

morning: entered China from Hong Kong-New Territories; received at border by China Travel Service (CTS) guides; lunch at border; train to Canton

afternoon: arrival in Canton; transfer to hotel; rest

evening: banquet given by Canton branch of CTS and Canton Revolutionary Committee Foreign Affairs section

MARCH 11

morning: two of us took a dawn walk through neighborhood near hotel; whole group visited the Canton Boat People's Residential Neighborhood (a housing area for former Pearl River boat dwellers)

afternoon: whole group visited Canton #61 Middle School

evening: Canton Workers' Cultural Park

March 12

morning: plane to Shanghai delayed, so visited Yue Xiu Park and the Canton Historical Museum

afternoon: flight to Shanghai (Group #1)

evening: saw live performance of "The Red Detachment of Women"

MARCH 13

morning: free time, spent walking around Shanghai shopping district

afternoon: Shanghai Shipyard

evening: "SPARK", a 24-hour, service-oriented small retail store

MARCH 14

morning: four of us returned to the Shipyard at 6 a.m. to attend study session, participate in labor, and talk further with friends met yesterday.

afternoon: five of us returned to the "SPARK" store for further discussion and to attend their afternoon study session

evening: some of group went to gymnastics show; I stayed in hotel to rest

MARCH 15

morning: Shanghai Electric Meter Hairspring Factory

MARCH 15 (continued)

afternoon: CCAS presented panel discussions on various aspects of the current U.S. scene for our Chinese friends. Topics included U.S. foreign policy, electoral politics in 1972, and American counter-culture

MARCH 16

morning and afternoon: "Phoenix" Workers' Village- an urban residential area
evening: banquet

MARCH 17

morning: Shanghai Industrial Exhibition Hall; free time for shopping
afternoon: train to Wu Hsi (WU XI); transfer to hotel at Lake Tai
evening: cultural performance given by Wu Hsi Little Red Guards

MARCH 18

morning: Ho Lo Production Brigade- commune outside Wu Hsi city
afternoon: Wu Hsi Machine Tool Factory
evening: banquet

MARCH 19

morning: free time
afternoon: part of group returned to Ho Lo Production Brigade
evening: CCAS panel discussions on U.S. scene

MARCH 20

morning: Wu Hsi Clay Doll Handicraft Factory; sightseeing around city, including Grand Canal and park-museum
afternoon: discussion with Wu Hsi city planner
evening: overnight train to Tsinan (JINAN), Shantung

MARCH 21

morning: on train to Tsinan *-JKA*
afternoon: arrival in Tsinan; sightseeing around city especially famous springs, parks, archeological museum.
evening: banquet

MARCH 22

morning: Tsinan Pencil Factory
afternoon: Yellow River; free time

MARCH 23

morning: Shantung Provincial People's Hospital- including four acupuncture operations

afternoon: train to Tientsin

MARCH 24

morning: Tientsin Municipal Mental Hospital

afternoon: "Red Flag" Embroidery Factory

evening: banquet

MARCH 25

morning: Tientsin #1 Carpet Factory

afternoon: residential area with both new and old housing which included an urban agricultural production brigade

evening: cultural performance at Workers' Cultural Park

MARCH 26

morning: Tientsin City Ho Ping District May 7th Cadre School

afternoon: revisit to Mental Hospital (four of us)

MARCH 27

morning: Tientsin Municipal Prison

afternoon: free time spent shopping at an antique store and unscheduled visit to Tientsin Municipal Library (two of us)

evening: train to Tangshan; rest

MARCH 28

morning: bus to Sandstone Hollow (Sha Shih Yu) Production Brigade

afternoon: discussion and introduction to Sandstone Hollow

evening: settling in with families with whom we were staying

MARCH 29 and 30

at Sandstone Hollow pursuing individual interests in learning about life in the countryside

MARCH 31

morning: Hsi P'u Production Brigade (Paupers' Coop) led by Wang Kuo-fan, a member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party

afternoon: Dzwun Hua County rural industries

MARCH 31 (continued)

evening: return to Tangshan city

APRIL 1

morning: Tangshan #10 Middle School

afternoon: free time; visit to Tangshan Class Education Exhibition Hall which graphically presents the history of imperialism in Tangshan particularly at the Kailan mines and the history of the liberation struggle in Tangshan

evening: banquet

APRIL 2

morning and afternoon: Kailan Fan Ke Chuang Mine

APRIL 3

morning: train to Peking

afternoon: Tien An Men Square; Peking Subway; Temple of Heaven: shopping

APRIL 4

morning: embassy of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam

afternoon: Forbidden City

evening: "White Haired Girl" (film)

APRIL 5

all day, including overnight: Peking University

APRIL 6

morning: Peking University

afternoon: four of us met with responsible persons from the Science and Education Group of the State Council (which has assumed the functions of the Ministry of Education since the Cultural Revolution); others from CCAS met with persons from the Ministries of Commerce, Agriculture, and Health

evening: banquet at Peking Duck restaurant

APRIL 7

morning: free time

afternoon and evening: National Minorities Institute

APRIL 8

morning: Capitol Iron and Steel Complex

afternoon: free time

APRIL 9

morning: the Great Wall

afternoon: the Ming Tombs

APRIL 10

morning and afternoon: free time

evening: documentary films of first CCAS delegation's talk with Chou En-lai, Pham Van Dong's visit to China, and National Day celebrations

APRIL 11

morning: free time

afternoon: People's Daily offices and printing plant

evening: (11p.m. to 4a.m.) discussion with Premier Chou En-lai, Vice Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua, and members of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party, Yao Wen-yuan, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao

APRIL 12

morning: REST

afternoon: Summer Palace; Peking Zoo

APRIL 13

morning: flight to Canton

afternoon: Canton Trade Fair

evening: banquet

APRIL 14

morning: train to border

afternoon: return to Hong Kong

** On many occasions our delegation broke up into small groups for the purpose of visiting different units. This itinerary reflects only the things that I participated in.

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