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COMMITTEE FOR A FREE ASIA
2 Pine Street
San Francisco, California

Purposes

The Articles of Incorporation of the Committee for a Free Asia state its purposes as follows:

- (a) To promote, aid and assist the cause of individual and national freedom in Asia, as opposed to Communist and other totalitarian doctrines.
- (b) To initiate, assist and conduct, directly or indirectly, investigations and studies relating to such cause; and to obtain, collect, analyze, publish, broadcast, disseminate and distribute information relating thereto through any and all media of communication.
- (c) To assist non-Communist and non-totalitarian elements in the countries of Asia in realizing and maintaining the ideals of individual and national freedom.
- (d) To assist non-Communist and non-totalitarian travelers, refugees and exiles from the countries of Asia in maintaining contact with their fellow citizens for the purpose of keeping alive and promoting the ideals of individual and national freedom; and to make available facilities whereby these travelers, refugees and exiles can contribute to the cause of the maintenance of freedom under law.
- (e) To solicit and receive funds for the objects and purposes herein set forth and to administer and use such funds for the promotion of such objects and purposes; or to grant, allocate and appropriate such funds, or any part thereof, to any other organization or organizations for the promotion of such objects and purposes."

The articles additionally provide that "The corporation shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation", by which is meant legislation in this country.

Organization

The Committee was incorporated as a charitable corporation on 12 March 1951, under the laws of California but not publicly announced until 18 May 1951.

The initial sponsors of the Committee were: Brayton Wilbur, President of Wilbur-Ellis Company and Connell Brothers, import-export firms and Chairman of the North California World Affairs Council; James D. Zellerbach, President of Crown Zellerbach Corporation and former Chief of ECA in Italy; Charles R. Blyth, President of Blyth and Company and a director of Crown Zellerbach. Other members of the Committee, for the most part prominent West Coast businessmen

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and civic leaders, are set forth in the attached copy of the Committee Prospectus, Most recent additions to the Committee membership are Paul Smith, Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle; Charles Stillman of the National Committee for a Free Europe; and J. Leighton Stuart, former U.S. Ambassador to China. The Committee contemplates the addition of several prominent labor, educational, and religious leaders in the near future.

President pro tem of the Committee is George H. Greene, Jr., a former officer of the National City Bank who has had some twenty years' experience in China with that bank and as Chief of the Industrial Reconstruction Division, ECA China Mission. Key personnel of the Committee include Dr. James M. Henry, former President of Lingnan University and UNRRA Deputy Director, Kwangtung Province, who is Chief of the Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch; Lester K. Little, former Inspector General of Customs, China, who heads the New York office of the Committee; John Elwood, former Manager of the International Division of the National Broadcasting Company and of Station KNBC, San Francisco, who is director of Radio Free Asia; S. T. Tung, Chinese agricultural expert and Asian Representative of the International Peasants Union, serving as Consultant to Radio Free Asia; and Dr. William Z-liang Sung, former President of St. John's University Shanghai and now Pastor to Oriental Students for the American Church Mission, serving as Consultant to the Committee. The Committee is endeavoring to secure the services of several prominent Chinese now in Hong Kong for key positions with the Committee.

Some of the initial funds of the Committee have been contributed by the National Committee for a Free Europe. The Crusade for Freedom, which sponsors Radio Free Europe, has this year undertaken to raise funds for Radio Free Asia. The CFA and NCFE are each represented on the Board of Directors of the other and on the Board of the Crusade for Freedom.

The Committee is presently organized into the following branches which have the operational or support functions set forth below:

Foreign Organizations Branch

This branch bears the responsibility for bringing into the orbit of CFA activity and influence indigenous nationals and groups, joined in common religious, educational, or other points of view which may, while pursuing their own special ends, indirectly and directly assist in the achievement of Committee goals. At the same time, it is responsible for giving impetus to the development of new groups and new leaders.

The branch also has the responsibility for the development of the field organization of CFA, i.e. the overseas staff directly representing and bearing the name of the Committee.

Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch

This branch has operational responsibilities similar to those of the Foreign Organizations Branch, except that it is established to deal exclusively with the Chinese segments of the Far East population and through Chinese in this country. Although the priority target for each of the Committee's activities is the China Mainland, the Overseas Chinese Contacts Branch has the primary responsibility in this respect, formulating programs which will reach the Mainland Chinese via their own kinsmen overseas and which will diffuse the partisanship in those communities in favor of a common goal of undermining Communist power on the Mainland.

Asian Residents Contacts Branch

This branch will share with the Students Contacts Branch responsibility for the friendly reception of Asians in this country and the development of contacts and programs leading to an appreciation by visiting Asians of the people of this country and its democratic institutions.

Student Contacts Branch

This branch will have responsibility for the establishment of contacts with, and programs for, Asian students both in this country and through the Foreign Organizations Branch, with students in the Far East.

Editorial Branch

This branch will have the responsibility for the development of all possible sources of information about Asia and Asians, processing it for use, and dispensing it through the various media of the Committee.

Lecture Bureau

This branch will select, train, and despatch lecturers of all types, but primarily Asians, into the various countries of Asia for the purpose of arousing support for the Committee or for one of the activities in which it is interested.

Publications Branch

This branch will be responsible for preparing in finished form such materials as newsletters, pamphlets, etc.

Visual Aids Branch

This branch, not yet established, will be responsible for the dissemination of information and ideas via visual means, pictures, cinema, etc.

Historical Research Branch

This branch will devote itself to basic research with respect to Asia, supplying background material for the development of particular "themes", for the selection of targets, etc. It will also serve as a vehicle for the assistance through employment of needy Asian scholars.

Radio Free Asia

This branch will supplement official radio activities of this country by broadcasts which stress Asian news and Asian topics, without necessary identification with U. S. policy or interpretation of the American viewpoint. It will lend hearing to Asian leaders, providing a forum for a free exchange of ideas and information.

Activities of the Committee

The committee has largely devoted its time, since 18 May, to preliminary activities rather than substantive operations, it being considered of primary importance that the Committee become known, established and accepted before it undertake serious activities. Furthermore, the staffing and the acquisition of physical facilities has taken time. Such activities as the Committee has engaged in have been in the nature of pilot or exploratory ones, or those upon which a reputation could be build. A gift of one thousand tons of newsprint was made to the Republic of Korea to permit the printing of badly needed textbooks for the elementary schools. The brother of the Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tak-tser Rimpoche, was received and is being entertained and cared for while undergoing medical treatment and studying English. A limited radio broadcast program was launched on 4 September from San Francisco. This consists of three twenty-five minute periods of news and news commentary, beamed to the Republic Broadcasting System in the Philippines over RCAC and broadcast from the Philippines over the 49 meter band at 6110 kilocycles toward China. The broadcasts are in Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

Programs and Planning

The Committee's mission, as it has determined it, is to talk to Asians in terms of Asia. Its targets are Communist China and North Korea, South-east Asia, Japan and the Philippines and eventually India. It's more important group is the Overseas Chinese, wherever they may be. All media for the exchange of information are to be used. It is hoped that radio operations will be considerably expanded. It is proposed to encourage and support the Asians themselves in their fight against communism and in their efforts to establish national independence and equality and individual freedom and betterment. It may be useful to quote from a pamphlet of the

Committee, entitled "A Message to all Asian Students in the United States", a copy of which is attached:

"As a non-political organization, the Committee for a Free Asia does not intend to work directly with political parties or leaders. The Committee has its stated principles, purposes and intentions. Any group in Asia, governmental or private, political or non-political, subscribing to the same ideals may support the Committee's program and will have the Committee's support. The Committee does not propose to become involved with parties or governments but rather to cooperate with the private citizens of Asia."

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"....If the word "political" is understood to include freedom's fight against tyranny, the Committee will issue political pamphlets. The Committee will not issue political tracts, in the conventional meaning of the term, nor will the Committee support one political party as against another. The Committee members represent different domestic political points of view in the United States, but they all have identical views on liberty and freedom. Similarly, the Committee is aware that each foreign country has political group differences in domestic issues. The Committee will not take sides on these issues. It supports every Asian political group that is for national independence and against tyranny and imperialism. The imperialism of today is communist imperialism."