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As Americans, ourselves and connections  
are considered the greatest crime in Red China and knowing  
that the Communist censorship is a reality, my correspondence  
with the States had to stop entirely. Now that I have experienced  
the thrill of freedom I would like to show a sign of life.  
It is almost four years ago ~~since~~ since I left  
Sweden and had the pleasure of seeing you all on my  
way out to China. 1 1/2 years was spent in Kweichow  
with a constant stream of Communist callers in our  
home. During this time missionary work was still possible  
in the city but not in the country. 2 years were then  
spent in Tsingtao. ~~Part~~ of this time I was teaching in  
the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. An American  
missionary and I had to discontinue our work there  
on Jan. 10 - 1951. On account of government pressure  
foreign missionaries could not do any missionary  
work in the churches or institutions. Then we  
applied to leave China giving that as our reason.  
I waited 7 months for my permission. If the  
Swedish Embassy in Peking had not sent two notes  
to the Foreign Office there and wired me several times  
I probably still would be in Tsingtao. I left Kiao  
on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and Tientsin on the 13<sup>th</sup>. I stayed  
ten days in Hongkong and made a week's stopover  
in Israel. I arrived in Stockholm Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
It's fantastic to be able to leave Hongkong in the  
morning on the Scandinavian Airlines System and  
arrive the following day in Stockholm 11 o'clock pm.  
Photographers, journalists, Weller, Aaron and members of the  
Board gave the last Swedish missionary out of China a



...the beginning  
...throughout, we have  
...China, was  
...accused and deported after two months of tension  
and uncertainty. The accuser was a preacher who has been in  
jail two months on account of what his father had done. He  
was let out in order to accuse this missionary and it had  
be thoroughly done otherwise he would be back in jail  
with the possibility of never coming out alive. An American  
Methodist missionary and a Southern Baptist were also  
accused, but not so severely. My name was twice in the  
daily among the accused "imperialists", although no specific  
accusation was mentioned. My crime is said to be my  
American connections! We were prepared any night  
between 2-4 o'clock to be arrested by the police. Also  
50 foreigners - half of them Catholic missionaries - have  
been arrested in P'ao. Accusation meetings have been  
held in most great cities, but not on the Swedish Bay  
Mission field. Where land reform is being carried on  
no religious meetings are allowed. This is the case  
in Kichowien, Kame, Chuchang since last year.  
Missionaries, both living and dead, in- and out of  
China, have been accused together with a few  
Chinese Christian leaders. We are not by any means  
perfect, but these accusations are a sad chapter  
in the history of the churches. This is the end  
of a missionary era in the history of China Missions.  
It is up to the Chinese church to be self-governing,  
self-supporting and self-propagating! Former mission  
schools and hospitals are taken over by the government  
and cut off from the church. This may give you a  
idea of the situation in China. Heart's greetings to all the

Loungly, Helen & Oscar