

## **Dr. John Earl Baker, Other Red Cross Men Go To Orient—**

Three representatives of the American Red Cross left San Francisco, October 12th, by clipper for China to complete arrangements for additional aid to the victims of hostilities in the Orient. They are Dr. John Earl Baker, Walter Wesselius and Arthur M. Fifer.

Dr. Baker, who has resided in China 24 years, will direct distribution of supplies. He has served as director of Red Cross relief work in China on various occasions since 1921, and was associated with the government of the Chinese Republic in overseeing relief operations for a number of years.

More recently he served as relief director for the church committee for China Relief.

Mr. Wesselius will serve as associate director and Mr. Fifer as accountant.

From Hong Kong, the representatives of the Red Cross will go to Ragoon, where headquarters will be established and arrangements made for transportation of relief supplies via the Burma Road to Kuming, from which point distribution will be made to the interior of western China. Later a distribution center will be established at Shanghai.

The most urgent need in Chinese provinces in the area not occupied by Japan is for drugs, medicine and 8,300 tons of cloth. Supplies are now being purchased in the United States for immediate shipment.

The cost of relief supplies purchased in the United States to be sent to China, as well as the costs of transportation, are to be defrayed by the government out of funds appropriated by congress and made available in the emergency relief act. Red Cross funds will be expended by the purchase of large quantities of quinine in the Dutch East Indies, and the Red Cross will bear all administrative expense in connection with this operation.