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CHINESE FLOODS

In China's Kwantung province tragedy strikes once again at a tragic people. Here and in four other provinces, the great rivers of China - the Yellow, the Yangtze and the Si-Kiang have spilled over the land. Here, in Kwantung - suffering is intense. All ages, all classes join in a desperate race to build dykes. As they labour, they know that two million are homeless - a million hungry - thousands dead. Their equipment is pitiful. They use the same laborious construction-methods employed in building the Great Wall of China fifteen hundred years ago. And in the towns, as here in Canton, the homeless and the hungry come for shelter and food. The rice fields, the life blood of the nation, are under nine feet of water.

The old people will probably die - the children, already warped by years of war receive from relief stations, their one meal of the day.

The floods continue. Before they retreat, the homeless may number four million.