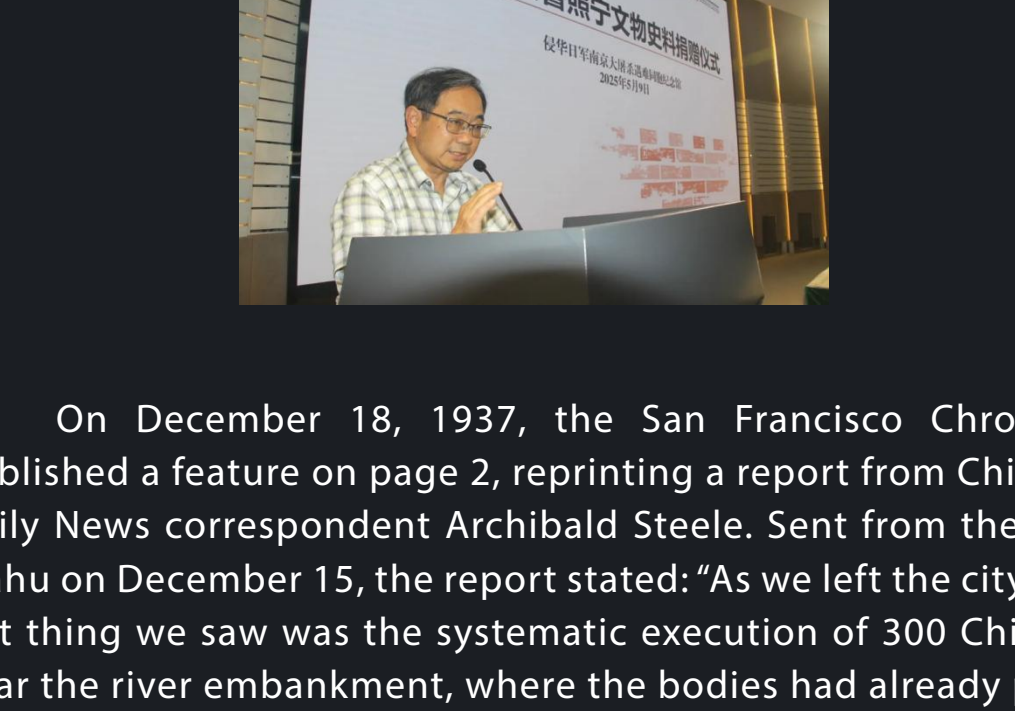


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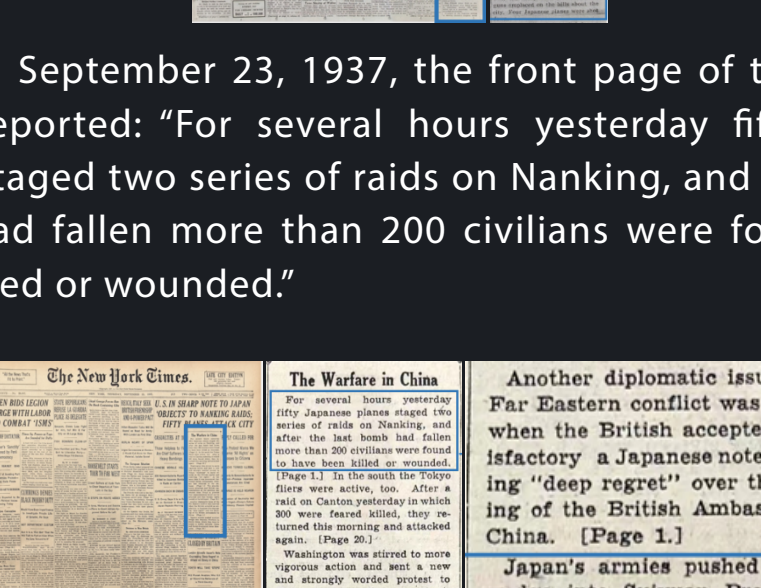
On May 9, a donation ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall to receive a new collection of historical materials from Chinese-American donor Lu Zhaoning. A total of 89 items—serving as irrefutable evidence of the atrocities committed by Japanese forces in Nanjing—were unveiled to the public. Since 2004, Lu has donated materials to the Memorial Hall for 21 consecutive years, contributing a cumulative total of 2,152 items.



The newly donated 89 materials include newspapers, magazines, books, pictorials, and audiovisual content, all collected and organized by Lu in the United States over the past year. The majority are newspapers, with 19 different titles, including The New York Times, Chicago Daily Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, New York World-Telegram, and St. Louis Post-Dispatch, all authoritative American media outlets. They provide a true record of the Japanese military's atrocities in Nanjing from various perspectives.



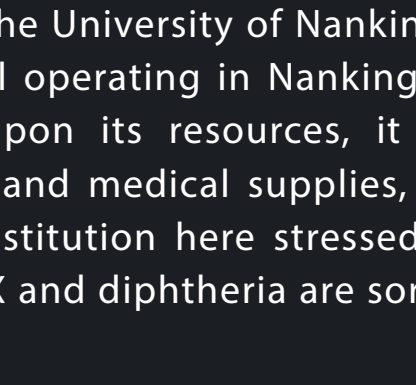
On December 18, 1937, the San Francisco Chronicle published a feature on page 2, reprinting a report from Chicago Daily News correspondent Archibald Steele. Sent from the USS Wahu on December 15, the report stated: "As we left the city, the last thing we saw was the systematic execution of 300 Chinese near the river embankment, where the bodies had already piled up knee-deep... This is a typical picture of the horrors in Nanjing over the past few days."



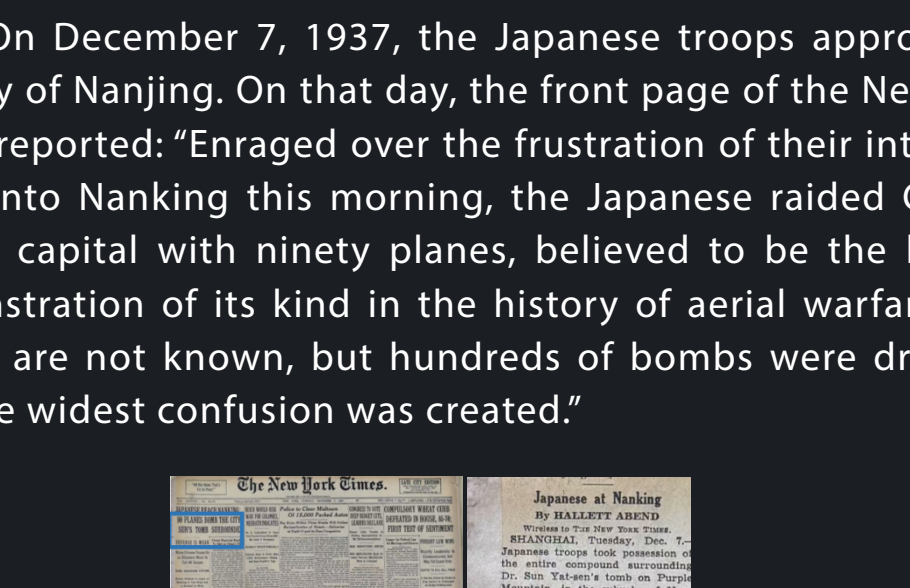
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On the same day, the Chicago Daily Tribune reprinted an Associated Press report on its front page: "Ignoring protests from the United States and the United Kingdom, Japan carried out a terror bombing of this densely populated city today, lasting for an hour and a half... Bombers dropped their payloads at 10:30 a.m. and 1:35 p.m. over the city of one million residents in a ferocious assault."



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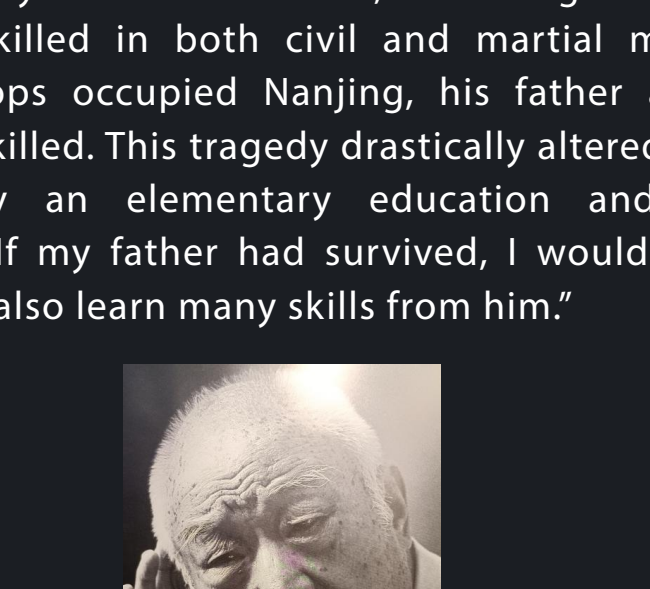
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On September 25, 1937, the front page of the Detroit News reported: "Today, 80 Japanese aircraft bombed the Chinese capital for nearly 7 hours, causing the most severe destruction since the Japanese air raids began... The Nanking Power Plant, valued at \$1 million, was reduced to rubble. The city's water supply system was paralyzed... Facilities for lighting, water, and food—vital to one million residents—were destroyed."



On October 12, 1937, the second page of the New York Times reported: "The University of Nanking Hospital is now the only large hospital operating in Nanking. Because of the new burdens placed upon its resources, it is in great need of additional money and medical supplies, a cabled message to trustees of that institution here stressed. Vaccines to combat tetanus, small-pox and diphtheria are sorely needed, the cable stated."



On December 7, 1937, the Japanese troops approached the city of Nanjing. On that day, the front page of the New York Times reported: "Enraged over the frustration of their intended entry into Nanking this morning, the Japanese raided China's former capital with ninety planes, believed to be the largest demonstration of its kind in the history of aerial warfare. The results are not known, but hundreds of bombs were dropped and the widest confusion was created."



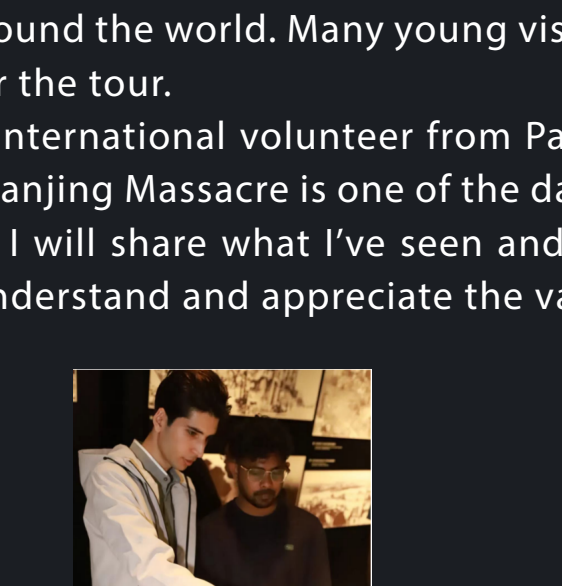
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According to researchers at the Institute of National Memory and International Peace, this collection holds significant value for preservation, research, and public exhibition. It is especially important for two reasons: first, it consolidates firsthand evidence of nearly four months of indiscriminate bombing by Japanese forces in Nanjing; second, it includes some of the earliest original international reports on the Nanjing Massacre.



Memorial Hall Director Zhou Feng accepted the donation on behalf of the institution and presented a certificate of collection to Lu Zhaoning.



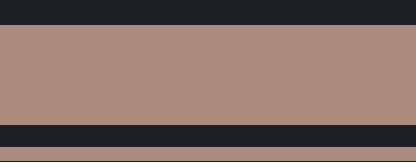
Nanjing Massacre Survivors Liu Guixiang and Xie Guiying Pass Away

On May 2, Nanjing Massacre survivor Liu Guixiang passed away at the age of 95. On May 15, Nanjing Massacre survivor Xie Guiying passed away at the age of 101.

Liu Guixiang was only 7 years old in 1937, having just entered primary school. His father, a fire brigade captain, was strong and skilled in both civil and martial matters. After Japanese troops occupied Nanjing, his father and younger brother were killed. This tragedy drastically altered Liu's life. He received only an elementary education and once said regretfully, "If my father had survived, I would not only be educated but also learn many skills from him."



Xie Guiying was born in September 1924. In 1937, her family lived at No. 3 Zhalanmen, Xiaguan, Nanking. She once recalled, "Before the Japanese soldiers entered the city, my mother took my siblings and me to flee, leaving my father to look after the house. After the Japanese arrived, they killed him." Her mother later struggled to support the family. Xie survived three near-death encounters and bore a visible scar on her forehead. In 2002, she traveled to Japan to speak at testimony gatherings on the Nanjing Massacre held in several cities.



"May the Atrocities of the Nanjing Massacre Never Happen Again"

On April 23, the 30th World Book Day, the Memorial Hall hosted a themed reading activity titled "Reading: A Bridge to the Future." Students and teachers from Nanjing Foreign Language School visited the Memorial Hall and joined the staff in reading stories from the "Nanjing Massacre Archives," in order to remember history and convey the voice of peace.

Zijin Grass international volunteers Saimi and Nafiz read excerpts from The Diaries of John Rabe and The Diary of Minnie Vautrin in English. Nafiz said, "I hope the atrocities of the Nanjing Massacre will never happen again. I often tell my family and friends in Bangladesh what I've seen and learned here. I hope they understand history and cherish peace."

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