

PRC SEEKS TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

The following announcement is made at the request of the Director of the Employment Department of the Foreign Expert Bureau of the People's Republic of China.

From February, 1980 to February, 1982, the People's Republic will conduct a 3-year program to upgrade the level of teaching college English. During this period there will be six 5-and-1/2 month periods (from mid-February to July and from September to mid-July) of classroom instruction in four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Classes will be held on 24 campuses throughout the nation. Each of the prospective students has had not only college-level English but also a minimum of two or more years of college level English teaching at the end of a 5-and-1/2 month study. The enrollment in each class will be about 15 students to each instructor.

Instructors with the following qualifications are sought:

1. a minimum of an MA in English linguistics/or in English or American literature, and
2. a minimum of several years of college level English teaching as a NATIVE language in the United States. (Retired teachers are not excluded.)

The salary for the prospective instructor is between 600.00 and 1,000.00 renminbi. (\$1.00 U.S. is approximately equivalent to 1.50 renminbi.) Housing, transportation between residence and work, and medicine are all paid by the People's Republic. Meals are not.

If the instructor is accompanied by spouse and/or children, he/she may request 1/3 of his/her pay in U.S. currency. If he/she is not accompanied by spouse or children, he/she may request 1/2 of his/her pay in U.S. currency. If the teaching assignment is for one 5-and-1/2 period only, China will pay for the instructor's return airfare. (The instructor must pay for his/her own airfare going, and the roundtrip fare of both spouse and children.) If the assignment is for two or more 5-and-1/2 month periods, China will pay for the instructor's roundtrip airfare plus that of the spouse and any child under 12 years of age.

Teachers have also been invited from four other countries where English is spoken as a native language (Australia, Canada, England, and New Zealand), and the Foreign Expert Bureau will evaluate the performance of the instructors hired from each country.

Interested persons may write to Dr. John Charles Thomson, Public Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States of America, 2 Xiushui Dong Jie, Beijing (Peking), People's Republic of China or to the Director of Employment Department, Foreign Expert Bureau, Friendship Hotel, Beijing (Peking), People's Republic of China. Please indicate the period of time available for the assignment. Please do NOT request any specific location of instruction.

The 3-year program announced here is not to be confused with that described in the September, 1979 issue of *the Linguistic Reporter*, which was conducted by the Ministry of Education rather than by the Foreign Expert Bureau.