

# LINDBERGH'S CHART FLOOD AREA IN CHINA

With Mrs. Lindbergh Piloting,  
They Cover 8,000 Square Miles  
in Northern Kiangsu.

**FIND 6,000,000 AFFECTED**

**Earlier Estimate Was 4,000,000—  
Fliers to Continue Task Today—  
Social Program Canceled.**

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NANKING, Sept. 21.—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh today made the first of a series of aerial surveys to aid the Nanking Government in coping with the flood problem. They surveyed more than 8,000 square miles of flooded area in Northern Kiangsu east of the Grand Canal and north of the Yangtse River.

At the suggestion of Colonel Lindbergh, the authorities have canceled all social functions arranged in honor of the visitors in order that they may devote their entire energies to flood relief activities.

Today's flight was the result of Colonel Lindbergh's offer to Nanking to aid in the relief work, which was immediately accepted. On Sunday Finance Minister T. V. Soong sent two expert relief workers from Shanghai to consult the Lindberghs regarding the most effective cooperation.

The Lindberghs' plane was refueled yesterday and was in readiness early this morning for the first take-off.

Leaving Nanking at 11:40 A. M. and returning at 4:20 P. M., the Lindberghs, with Mrs. Lindbergh piloting most of the time, flew more than 500 miles, and by bringing back definite data revealed to the flood relief authorities that the devastated area east of the Grand Canal and north of the Yangtse River was one-third larger than it had hitherto been believed.

This definite report showed the sufferers in this area totaled approximately 6,000,000 instead of 4,000,000, as thought.

Tomorrow morning the Lindberghs will take off on an even longer flight to map accurately the area from the Grand Canal westward. Today's survey brought details of a flooded zone for 110 miles north and south and ninety miles east and west, an area larger than Massachusetts. It is now believed tomorrow's survey will reveal that the Grand Canal and Hwai River combined have submerged an area much larger than Lake Michigan.

Colonel Lindbergh reported that with the exception of two small cities, the walls of which have held, the only signs of human life were occasional refugees on knolls and many white-sailed junks sailing across what was one of China's richest farming regions. He reported the Grand Canal still pouring its waters eastward through three breaks, each approximately 100 yards wide, with a current resembling turbulent rapids. In some places the flood waters were pouring directly into the ocean. Many refugees were seen fleeing southward.

Today's and tomorrow's surveys will cover regions not included in the Yangtse flood disaster, which already have been surveyed by air, and it is possible tomorrow will conclude Lindbergh's services in the relief work, which were proffered for assignments impossible for the short-range planes owned by Nanking.

Resumption of the official entertainment program for the Lindberghs is still uncertain. So far they have not met President Chiang Kai-shek, Finance Minister Soong or other government heads, having reserved their energies for flood relief work.