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CHINA 2000

FROM A LIBRARIAN'S PERSPECTIVE

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Literature Review

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- Business and Economic Aspects
- Construction Details
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Environmental and Ecological Effects

•***International Wildlife*** - asking customers of several financial institutions to urge firms to stop funding the Three Gorges Dam Project

–Destruction of 22 million acres of farmland and homes

–Contamination of wells - dysentery and cholera

–Destruction of crucial habitat for dwindling wildlife species

Geological Considerations

•***Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy***

–Lu You Cavern (400 sq.meters) one of more than 200 karst grottoes along the river will be flooded

•***Chinese Science Bulletin***

–no activity in the Xiannti Mountain fracture belt (near TGDP) since the Holocene Era

Business and Economic Aspects

•Articles in the ***Economist*** 92-2000

–Escalation of costs and cost recovery

–Vulnerability as a war target

–Likelihood of local corrupt officials using relocation compensation money for other uses

–Negative effect of past flooding on China's GDP growth

Construction Details

•***ENR*** - August 1997

–Ideal site geology

–Cost and financing

–Rotec Industries - Elmhurst, Ill \$30.5million contract - conveyor system for placing 18 million cu meters of concrete and placed 1.7 million cu m onf concrete for the cofferdam

–Sedimentation problems

Political Aspects and International Support

•***Foreign Affairs***

–Human rights questions regarding migrant workers on TGP

–Project’s opponents have been persecuted since 1956

–Scientists, writers, scholars, statesmen, and flood refugees have broken their political shackles and resisted imprisonment in their opposition to the project

Archaeological Implications

Archaeology

–Sites from the Paleolithic age will be submerged

•***Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy***

–Sixteen major and 8000 recognized sites that contain remnants dating as far back as the Han Dynasty 2000 years ago will be under water

BEIJING

Climbing the Great Wall of China

Government Factories and Stores

•Jade Factory

•Cloisonné Factory

•Pearl Factory

•Friendship Stores

•Small discount

•No bargaining

•“You can trust the Chinese Government Stores for quality and authenticity”

Chongqing

and the Three Gorges

Cruise

Visit With the Retired Engineers

•Loss of farmland is not serious because profit from the hydroelectric power, tourism, and inland port will compensate

•Towns to be torn down before the reservoir is created

–How will the rubble be removed

Visit With the Retired Engineers, cont’d

•State plan to bring water from South to North - two opinions

–Specialist of Civil Construction - against - people will use more water and create more pollution

–Specialist of Water Conservancy - favors - water pollution is from industry and industry should clean up their pollution

Views of the Relocation Project from our Guide, Cocoa

- Young people will look forward to the relocation as a chance to experience city life
- Older people will leave dwellings handed down from generation to generation and will be devastated

Yi Chang and the Three
Gorges Dam

3.The ten major benefits of TGP

- flood control
- power generation
- navigation
- aquaculture

- tourism
- ecological protection
- environment purification
- development-oriented resettlement
- transferring water from the south to the north
- water supply and irrigation

Visit with Faculty and Staff at TGU

- Library resources are not available to the community outside TGU
- Engineering Index in print - in Chinese
- Other universities in China have online access to Engineering Index
- Scientists at TGU are studying environmental effects of the Three Gorges Dam Project

SHANGHAI

China's One Child Policy

- Not illegal to have a second child
- Varies from city to country
- Parents of second child have a greater financial burden
 - Fined 30-50,000 yuan - varies with city
 - Possible loss of job (if gov't employee)

China's One Child Policy

- Consequences to second child
 - Can never obtain a government job
 - Cannot be issued an ID card
- Not able to travel abroad by air
- Makes obtaining any kind of job difficult
- Difficult to obtain a university degree
- Results in new "Little Emperors"

Shanghai Children's Palace

Scenes From Shanghai

Hong Kong