

this was his verdict: »There is no cause for an operation. I find no sign of a tumour, and it would be conscienceless to cut you up.»

He went on to speak of other things, and finally I asked him what I should do. »You will stay over for ten days in Boston». — »For observation?» — »No; to give me an opportunity of showing you the city and introducing you to some interesting Bostoners.» — »And then?» — »Then you may return to your expedition in Sinkiang.»

This, then, was the verdict! The shortest way to Sinkiang was eastwards via Stockholm, Russia and Siberia. So by the time I had rejoined the expedition I should have travelled right round the world to be told that I was in good health and had no tumour at all! But who would not undertake several journeys round the world to hear such a verdict! And to make the acquaintance of Dr CUSHING and win his friendship was worth a journey round the world. For men like him are extremely rare guests on this planet. We had therefore a double cause for joy — in Dr CUSHING and in his diagnosis.

On June 14th CUSHING made another examination, but arrived at the same gratifying conclusion as before.

BAD NEWS FROM SINKIANG

From Asia, on the other hand, we had bad news again. HASLUND cabled to tell us that the Governor-General was not allowing any foreigners to enter Sinkiang and that all the members of the expedition, including the Chinese, must leave the province. I therefore cabled to SIU and LIU FU to ask what the government had done to protect the members of the expedition and their work.

The government's authority in Sinkiang was evidently illusory, and it looked as if the whole of our journey to Nanking, the five weeks and the 3,000 dollars it had cost had been of no avail.

VINCENT BENDIX

Sunday the 23rd June was our last day in Boston. But before returning home to Sweden I wished to pay a visit to Chicago; and this visit was to have extremely important results for the future of the expedition.

From the very outset of the expedition I had cherished the hope that in the course of our journeys we might also be able to get together a really representative ethnographic collection from the interior of Asia and make a scientific investigation of the daily life of at least some of the many peoples in these parts of the world. Especially did I plan to gather all available material connected with La-