



# The Prototype of R.O.C Red Heart Association:

Overview for the Literature of Shanxi Province Red Heart  
Association , 1935-1951

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Master Xiao Chngming 蕭昌明  
(1894—1943)



Master Lee Yujie 李玉階  
(1901—1994)





# Introduction

- With the continued development of Shaanxi Province Philosophy of Religion Research Society, the scale of Red Heart Association as a subsidiary organization also had been naturally expanded, and both were reaching its peak in about 1943.
- During the period of Anti-Japan War, the Red Heart Association actively devoted itself to charity. In addition to psychiatric treatment, the Association provided nine services deeply appreciated by the civilians, such as Chinese medicine clinic, free summer medicine, gratuitous coffins, Vaccination, relief to the poor, consumer cooperation, righteous people plant, agricultural loan with low interest, rescue after any air strafe.
- In the case of Red Heart Association, Master Lee's relationship as the center of associated social network is quite worthy to note that it is the main reason why Association laid the foundation in Northwest China.

## social network of Master Lee



- \*Shao Lizi邵力子(1882-1967)
- As soon as Lee arrived to Xian in Autumn of 1934, he first visited a teacher of school days, the Chairman of Shaanxi Province Shao Lizi then.
- Especially in the spring of 1936 when Jiangshan Event happened, Chairman Shao set aside a ban what the Executive Yuan行政院 ordered to outlaw Philosophy of Religion Research Society around China, because he believed Lee's character and his purpose to establish the Northwest China by moral strength.



- \*Hu Zongnan胡宗南（1896—1962）
- After the outbreak of the Anit-Japan War, with the transfer of the central government, the Great Rear Area played an increasingly important role. Around such a special atmosphere, Master Lee interacted with the military gradually frequently.
- In December 1939, Lee met with Commander in Chief Hu in Yuquan Yuan玉泉院 near the foothill of Hua Mountain華山. Since then, through quiet contemplation Lee grasped the strategy of Japanese troop deployments, sharing the information with General Hu to carry out his promise.
- Though Lee's monastic life in the mountain is very hard, it is very fortunate that General Hu and some military disciples often transported some flour and rice up to the mountain.



- \*Ding Delong 丁德隆 (1904—1996)
- General Ding, Master Lee's religious fellow, was a subordinate of Commander Hu. Through the introduction by Qionglong Daoren 惲聾道人, Deng became a disciple of Yuanlong Zhisheng 雲龍至聖.
- In spring of 1943, Ding was elected as the Major Supervisor of Shaanxi Society.
- In 1947, Ding was selected as a Representative in Hunan Province of the National Assembly and followed the National Government to Taiwan.
- To cultivated himself, he also used to live in the mountain near Xindian 新店 area.



- \*Wang Zhiqi王治岐（1901—1985）
- In the middle of June 1940, General Wang became a disciple of Master Lee and supported his teacher strenuously.
- With the help of Wang, Master Lee was settled in his mansion, and his wife was responsible for Lee's daily life when Master Lee reached to Gansu for preaching Tianren Teachings天人教 in 1944.
- In Early December of 1949, General Wang surrendered to the Red Army, and his troops were forced to adapt.



## background of members

province	number	pencenrage
Shaanxi	16	29.09%
Shanxi	24	43.64%
Henan	4	7.27%
Hebei	5	9.09%
Shandong	2	3.64%
Sichuan	2	3.64%
Gansu	1	1.82%
Zhejiang	1	1.82%

- \*Table 1 Statistics in Native Place
- In the perspective of native place, 24 members from Shanxi山西 is first, and 16 from Shaanxi 陝西 second. In sum, there are 40 members from Shaanxi and Shanxi, more than 70% in the list, and they belong to the foundation of the association.
- In total of 16 Shaanxi members, 13 from Changan County長安縣, over 80% estimated in Shaanxi ones.
- In total of 24 Shanxi members, 9 from Yishi County猗氏縣 is the most.



age	number	percentage
Over 70	5	9.09%
60 to 69	18	32.73%
50 to 59	9	16.36%
40 to 49	14	25.45%
30 to 39	7	12.73%
20 to 29	1	1.82%
15 to 19	1	1.82%

- \*Table 2 Statistics in Age
- In these seven levels, we can find that there are 18 members belonged to the group of 60 to 69, accounted for the total number of 32.73%; the second is the level of 40 to 49, 14 members, 25.45% estimated; the third for the level of 50 to 59, 9 members, 16.36%.
- In my rough opinion, the 40-to-69-year-old members is the backbone of the Red Heart Association.
- Ten years ago to join in the Association, as for the 60 to 69 level, they should have coincided with the stage of a high social prestige and more abundant social contacts. And, as for the 40 to 49 level should have been in the stage with full vigor of life and successful career.



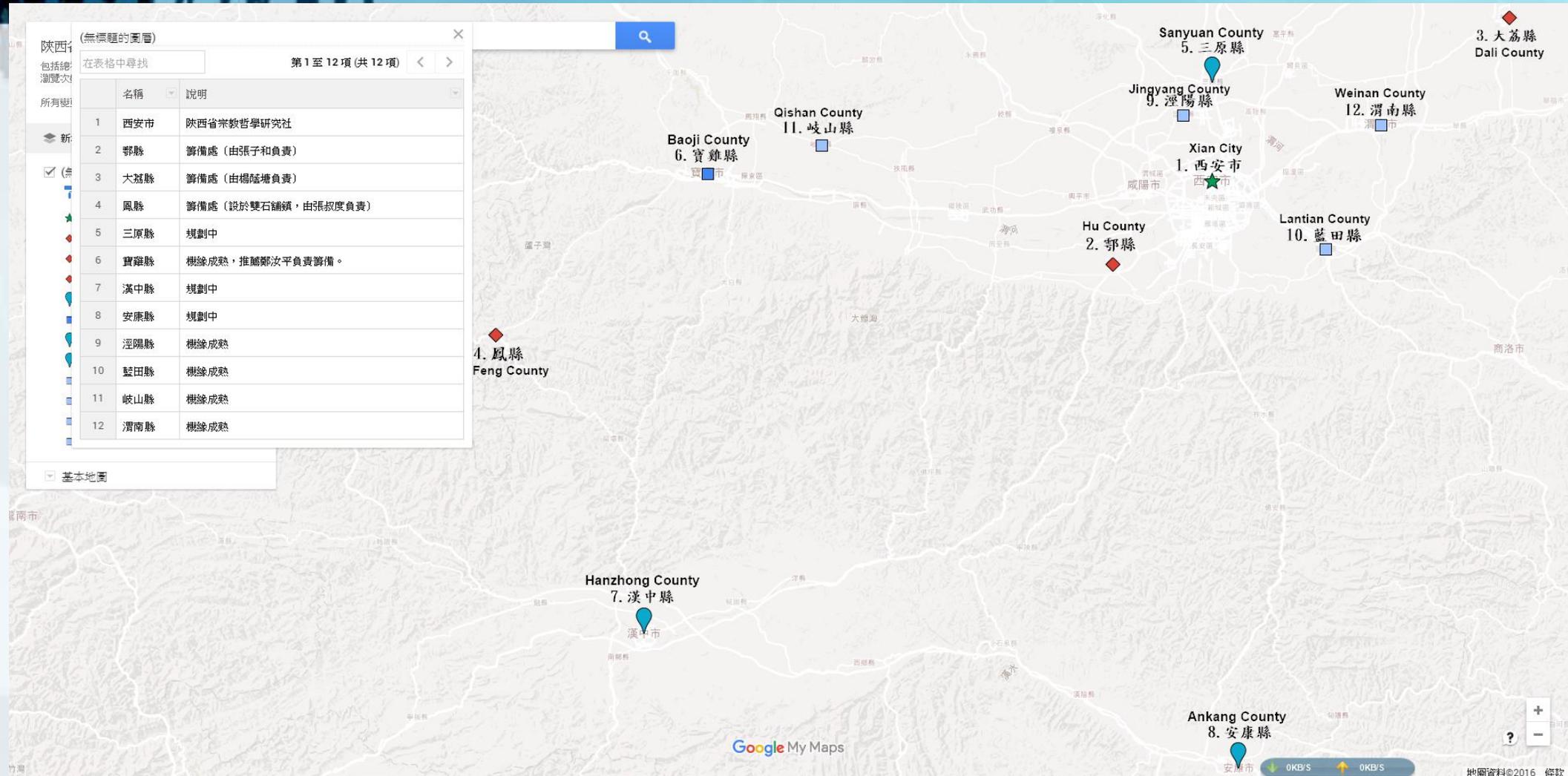
occupation	number	percentage
politics	5	9.09%
business	28	50.91%
academia	2	3.64%
charity	9	16.36%
health care	3	5.45%
unemployment	3	5.45%
unknown	3	5.45%
others	2	3.64%

- \*Table 3 Statistics in Occupation
- Among them, there are 28 members to do business; secondly, 9 members in charity.
- It is noteworthy that the amount of members taken together in business and charity is more than a total of 67%. Even we can infer that the member of businessman is the most important component of the Association.
- Further, among all of these merchants, 7 members as managers or director is a quarter of this item sum.
- To consider these merchants in native place found in Shanxi accounted for 46% is quite large in the proportion.



<b>faction</b>	<b>number</b>	<b>percentage</b>
Old Alliance	1	4.76%
Kuomintang	1	4.76%
Communist Party	1	4.76%
Limen	2	9.52%
none	16	76.19%

- \*Table 4 Statistics in Faction
- To some extent, the partisan symbol usually signifies the particularity of the elite, which they can master more contacts and resources, and their abilities of calling upon the masses may be larger, but it would have been exceptional if the member had joined the Communist Party then.
- Besides, it is more worthy to pay attention that religious believers then weren't necessarily stick to single religion, who wandered among different regional groups can be found everywhere, for example, lu Hefe and Chen Rongshu 陳榮叔.



\*headquarter: 1

\*preparatory office: 2, 3, 4

\*developable area: 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12



- In December of 1944, some words had been written in his diary :
- In Shiyuan始院, none of solid disciples actually handle complex business except Zhizhong智忠. Alas! Where is loyal cadres? Where is real assistants? Now, how difficult a religion is founded I realize. In addition to my wife and children, whom else can I count on? If talents aren't actively assembled, the new religion cannot flourish. Ten years in Xian has gone. With only vanity, without any fundamentalism. In this troubled times, we encountered such vicissitudes of life, and each has bitterness that couldn't be said in oneself. Who can sacrifice to the new religious?
- Thus, it is understood that there are some problems within the group beyond those statistics.



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