Chinese Lad Left Trinity College To Found Own Dynasty

Charlie J. Soong Achieved Fame in Far East

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Shanghai failed to say what it meant to me, but the Chinese lad who came to this country in a stowaway boat in 1890 had no idea what he was founding when he arrived at Trinity College as a student in 1895.

It is said that the lad who later took his name from the city of his birth and became a great Chinese leader was a stowaway on a boat from Shanghai to New York in 1890. He was only 17 years old at the time and had no idea what he was doing when he arrived in the United States. He had been a refugee in Shanghai and had escaped to the United States to avoid being drafted into the Chinese military.

Charlie Soong, as he was known in his early years in the United States, enrolled at Trinity College in 1895 and studied there for four years. He then went on to study at Harvard University, where he graduated with honors in 1900.

After college, Soong returned to China and became involved in the political and social movements of his country. He was a member of the Nationalist Party and helped to overthrow the Manchu dynasty in 1911.

In 1912, he became the finance minister of the newly formed Chinese government and was later appointed as the minister of finance in 1927.

Soong was a key figure in the establishment of the Nationalist Party in China and was a leading member of the party throughout its existence. He was also a close friend of Sun Yat-sen, the founder of the party.

After Sun Yat-sen's death in 1925, Soong took over as the leader of the party and continued to work for China's modernization.

Charlie Soong passed away in 1973, but his legacy lives on through his contributions to China's modernization and his role in the development of the Nationalist Party.