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## "NEW MOTOR BUS ROUTES"

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Several new motor bus routes are now operating in the Chekiang-Kiangsu area. The Chekiang Highway Administration has extended its bus service on a new 90 kilometer branch road connecting Changting on the main Nanking-Hangchow Line with Szean, a town on the Anhwei border. Through service has also recently been extended to the Anhwei border on the Hangchow-Hweichow Line. A joint arrangement has been entered into between Chekiang and Anhwei provincial authorities for the immediate construction of the remaining 38 kilometer link to Hweichow, an important city in southern Anhwei.

The new 78 kilometer highway connecting Soochow in Kiangsu Province with Hsing in Chekiang Province has just been completed. Illustrative of the difficulties of building roads in this extensive waterway region is the fact that 48 bridges had to be built for this relatively short stretch of highway. Motor bus services under the control of the Kiangsu Construction Commission started June 1st will be formally inaugurated on June 18.

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Through motor bus service between Hangchow, the provincial capital of Chekiang, and Nanking, the National capital, also commenced on June 1st. Bus services have been operating on this line for about two years but formerly passengers were obliged to change over at the provincial border. Now through bus service will be maintained. A large reduction in passenger fares has also been made in order to compete with third-class railway traffic. Passenger fare for single trip is now Yuan 5.80, for a distance of 206 miles.

One of the new innovations of the Chikang Highway administration is the placing into service of a "Do Tzu Express Bus Service" between Tangchou and Dokunphon, a popular mountain resort. First class fare of Yuan 5.00 per person will be charged for a trip of 60 kilometers.

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