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NEWS ITEMS REGARDING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA

Personnel of Principal Railways in China: The personnel of some of the principal railways in China is as follows: Mr. Chen Yen-chiung, Managing Director of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, (Hankow); Mr. Yang Cheng-hsun, Managing Director of the Canton-Hankow Railway, (Canton); Mr. Ko Kwang-ting, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway, (Tsingtao); Mr. Huang Po-chiao, Managing Director of the Nanking-Shanghai and Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railways, (Shanghai); Mr. Yen Te-ching, Managing Director of the Chengting-Taiyuan Railway and concurrently Vice Minister of Railways, (Nanking); Mr. Tu Chen-yuan, Managing Director of the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, (Hangchow); Mr. Fan Chih-ping, Managing Director of the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, (Nanchang); Mr. Li Lu-chao, Managing Director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, (Canton); Mr. Chen Chiao-sheng, Managing Director of the Peiping Liaoning Railway (Peiping); General Chang Wei-fan, Managing Director of the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway (Peiping); Mr. Pan Kwang-chiung, Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Railways, (Nanking); Mr. Hsia Kwang-yu, Director of the Business Department of the Ministry of Railways, (Nanking); Mr. Sa-Fu-chun, Director of the Engineering Department of the Ministry of Railways, (Nanking); and His Excellency Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Railways, (Nanking).

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Five Year Railway Construction Program: A total of 8,139 kilometers of new lines will be added to China's railway network by the end of 1942 in accordance with the Five Year Railway Construction Plan. The projected

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lines have been mapped out by the Ministry on the basis of the outline plan as formulated by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan. With the completion of this program, the kilometrage of railways built within five years will equal that built in 54 years from 1881 to 1935.

Seven lines, according to the Ministry, are now under construction in conformity with the Five Year Plan and others are now being projected or surveyed. Those now under construction are:

(1) The Chengtu-Chungking line	523 kilometers
(2) The Hunan-Kweichow line	1,002 "
(3) The Yunnan-Kweichow line	784 "
(4) The Szechwan-Kweichow line	525 "
(5) The Changshu-Hangchow line	225 "
(6) The Canton-Meih sien line	360 "
(7) The Hunan-Kwangsi line	370 "

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Shanghai-Peiping Rail Services: Shanghai to Peiping by rail in 24 hours ? It is reported that several tests having been satisfactorily made, a flying express service between Shanghai and Peiping in 24 hours will be inaugurated in the near future by the Nanking-Shanghai and Tientsin-Pukow Railways. This achievement will mean a reduction of 13 hours and 40 minutes as compared with the present fastest schedule.

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Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway Extension: Construction work on the Tsinan-Liaocheng Railway in western Shantung, which is to be an extension of the Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway, is expected to begin in August. Liaocheng is about 50 miles west of Tsinan. Yuan 6 million has been fixed by the

Ministry of Railways as the capital of the new corporation in charge of the construction of the Tsinan-Liaocheng extension of the Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway. This amount is to be equally borne by Government and private interests. For Government shares, the Ministry of Railways and the Shantung Provincial Government will raise yuan 1.5 million each. The fund will apparently be used solely to finance the engineering work and purchase farmland along the line. Old rails and sleepers of the Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway will be used on the projected line. The corporation will be managed by a board of directors composed of representatives of the Ministry of Railways, the Shantung Provincial Government and shareholders.

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Canton-Whampoa Line: The engineering work on the roadbed, bridges and culverts of the Canton-Whampoa branch line of the Canton-Hankow Railway was reported to have been completed by the end of June. The laying of rails, which was started on June 27, will be completed before the end of July and the line will be opened to traffic in August.

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Railway Construction in Hainan Island: According to a special telegraphic message from Canton, the execution of plans for the construction of a railway in Hainan Island will be started in advance of the scheduled time, which was set as August 1. The entire line is estimated to cost in excess of yuan 50 million.

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