PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DR. WELLINGTON KOO, Chinese ambassador to Great Britain, this week denied prevalent rumors that he would become foreign minister.

BENJAMIN WILFRID FLEISHER, former publisher of the Japan Advertiser in the now defunct American newsaperman throughout the Far East, died in the Mayo Clinic early this month, according to the Evening Post. Fleisher, who last year was ordered to return to China with the China Press, has now been ordered by law to return to China with the China Press of the late Thomas Millard.

DON KING, former Washington Post bureau manager in Shanghai, returned from the States this week to establish an advertising agency. King, offices of King, New International are located at 53 Foochow Road.

REV. D. E. HOSTE, S.J., died this week in London. Reverend Hoste, who for 30 years was head of the China Inland Mission, had returned to England only last year, owing to his release from a Japanese internment camp.

DR. MEI LAN-FANG lost more than $100,000 in 18-day performance in the Nanking Theater. Although receipts were large, government taxes, salaries and rental were so great that he ran a sizeable daily deficit.

CHEN CHI-MAI, China's delegate to the UNRRA Council in America, last week met with 80,000 Chinese who were starving today and that present UNRRA allowances provide only eight ounces of food per day for these people.

LT. GEN. SUN LI-JEN, who stopped off in Tokyo on his way from Washington to Nanking, conferred briefly with General MacArthur.

HENRY YU YI, "Emperor" of Manchukuo, is reported to have fled Vladivostok en route to China for trial.

JAMES B. PILCHER has been assigned overseas to the China Volunteer. Pilcher, who has spent most of his 18 years' foreign service work in China, is being transferred from Paris.

MR. YU TSONG-CHI has sailed for Rome where he will take up his new post of ambassador to Italy.

LT.-GEN. ALBERT C. WEDEMEYER this week was reportedly being considered for the post of ambassador to China.

MRS. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, wife of General Marshall, arrived here this week from Nanking to undergo treatment at the Country Hospital. She was accompanied by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

PREMIER T. V. SOONG last week told the preparatory committee of the National Anti-Fascist Congress that it was the government's plan to turn over state corporations gradually to private industry. It is said that the government is now running only enterprises of such magnitude that at present were beyond the abilities of private groups.

CORNFELL S. FRANKLIN this week was appointed chairman of the American Association here to succeed Dr. C. L. Newcomb, who recently left for a trip to the States. J. C. Oliver was appointed vice-chairman, while S. M. Aleene will continue as honorary secretary and treasurer.

WILLIAM D. PAWLEY, new U.S. ambassador to Brazil, was awarded the Medal of Merit by President Truman this week. Pawley, an exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations." Mr. Pawley is well-known in China where for many years he was in the airplane business.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK paid a visit to the coffin of General Tai Li in Nanking last week. Tai, chief of the China's strongest secret police organizations, was killed in a plane crash six weeks ago.

THE KUM BUM LAMA of Tibet, or in private life Hugh Greer Carruthers, began serving a five-year sentence in an Illinois prison which was imposed following his being convicted of fraud charges and sex violations. He was charged with having defrauded investors of US$289,000.

THE KING OF CAMBODIA, Norodon Sihanouk, arrived in Paris last week on the beginning of a tour that will take him to Nice and Chateau. At Paris the King exchanged calls with President Gounin.

M. JACQUES BAYEVEN, newly-appointed French Consul-General arrived in Shanghai by plane from San Francisco last Thursday. He was expected to assume his post here after a short trip to Nanking.

DR. D. K. LIEU, well-known economist and statistician, who has been connected with the Central Bank of China for the past few years, left for America May 10 by plane to attend meetings of the Statistics Committee of the UNO.

GENERAL CHANG CHUN was expected in Nanking where he had a call upon General Hsio Ying-chin scheduled and where it is expected he will be of much assistance in reopening the Peking meeting.

YU TA-WEI, recently Vice-Minister for War, was rumored in Nanking as likely to be in the near future the successor of Yu Fei-ping as Minister of Communications.

LEO CHERNE, American economist expert, expects to visit Premier T. V. Soong in Shanghai in June to discuss Chinese economics and taxes. Cherne is currently in Japan at the request of General MacArthur making an economic study of Japan.

PREMIER T. V. SOONG had a busy week conferring with American and Chinese officials on textile production, issuing directives on methods for food production, and talking with the State Department, Food, and meeting in conference with transportation, UNRRA, and UNRRA officials.

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, chief staff of the U.S. Army, paid a short visit to Nanking last week for the purpose of seeing Army problems in China first-hand. In a press conference, Eisenhower said he was interested in promoting the growth of friendship between China and America and has "chief ulterior motives" in her activity in China.