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Government Scheme for Establishing Air Mail Lines

The Aeronautics Department of the Ministry of Communications has drawn up a comprehensive plan divided into five projects for the early establishment of air mail lines throughout the country. Following is a brief account giving the proposed routes with some of the main stations in each of the five projects. Details as to financing these projects are to be made public shortly.

I. The first project is to combine the Nanking-Shanghai section of the Nanking-Kwangsi Air Line and the Nanking-Chengtou section of the Nanking-Tibet Line into a direct route from Shanghai to Chengtu (成都).

II. The lines to be established under the second project are as follows: (1) To combine the section from Kaifeng (開封) to Lanchow (蘭州) and the section from Kaifeng to Tsingtao (青島) into a direct line from Tsingtao to Lanchow. This line will be divided into two sections with Kaifeng as the dividing station and airplanes will stop at Tsinan (濟南) and Sian (西安). (2) To combine the section from Nanking to Canton of the Nanking-Kwangsi Line and the section from Nanking to Mukden of the Nanking-Heilungkiang Line into a direct line from Canton to Mukden. This line will be divided into four sections with Foochow (福州), Shanghai and Peiping as the dividing stations, and the airplanes will stop at Swatow, Hangchow (杭州), Tsingtao, Tientsin and Jehol.

III. The lines to be established under the third project are as follows: (1) The Canton-Peiping Line.—This line will be divided into two sections with Hankow as the dividing station, and airplanes will stop at Shichow (韶州), Changsha (長沙), Kaifeng and Shikiachwang (石家莊). (2) The Nanking-Yunnan Line.—This line will be divided into two sections with Changsha as the dividing station, and the airplanes will stop at Nanking, Hungkiang (洪江) and Kweiyang (貴陽). (3) To combine the northern section of the Nanking-Heilungkiang Line and the section from Heilungkiang to Urga into a direct line from Mukden to Urga. This line is divided into two sections with Heilungkiang as the dividing station, and airplanes will stop at Kirin, Harbin, Kolulun (克魯倫), and Tsechen (車臣汗).

IV. The lines to be established under the fourth series are as follows: (1) To complete the Canton-Nanking section of the Nanking-Kwangsi Line. (2) The Nanking-Ningsia Line.—This line will be divided into two sections with Taiyuan (太原) as the dividing station, and airplanes will stop at Tsinan, Kweisui (歸綏) and Paotou (包頭). (3) To complete the section from Lanchow to Tihwa (迪化) of the Nanking-Sinkiang Line. This line will be divided into three sections with Suchow (蘇州) and Hami (哈密) as the dividing stations, and airplanes will stop at Sian and Turfan (吐魯蕃). (4) To complete the section from Chengtu to Lhasa of the Nanking-Tibet Line. This line will be divided into two sections with Chamdo (察木多) as the dividing station, and airplanes will stop at Tatsienlu (打箭爐) and Kiali (嘉黎).

V. The main work under the fifth project is to complete all the other unestablished lines in the country. No mention, however, is made of international lines. The routes are as follows: (1) The northern extension of the Nanking-Sinkiang Line from Tihwa to the Tianshan Mountain (天山) of Ili (伊犁) via Wusu (烏蘇). (2) The extension of the Nanking-Tibet Line from Lhasa to Kotak (噶大克) via Chalunpusak (扎倫布薩噶). (3) The southern extension of the Nanking-Sinkiang Line from Turfan to the Tianshan Mountain of Kashgar (喀什噶爾) via Yenki (焉耆), and Aksu (阿克蘇). (4) The northern extension line from Urga to Ili via West Urga, Uliassutai (烏里雅蘇台), Kobdo (科布多), Chenghwa (承化), and Kalpahatai (喀爾哈巴台).

Provisional Regulations Governing the Pensioning of the Retired Military Officers

Following is a translation of the provisional regulations recently passed by the Disbandment Committee governing the pensioning of retired military officers:

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