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Australian-Chinese Relations.

Transmits extract from Australian overseas service in English. Mr. Cheng Ye-Tung has been appointed as new Chinese Ambassador to Turkey. Negotiations are in operation for a forthcoming treaty between Australia and China.

*Australia*

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Kiangsu Provisional Govt sh'd of course be Kiangsu Provincial Govt. What Commissioner he was is not stated — there are about half a dozen in each provincial govt. We do not have the inf. on record here.

*Ans. Sec H 12/6*

*Sir H. Pridmore Brune*  
*CHH 29/6*  
*Dom. Intelligence Dept.*

In the "China Year Book", 1938, Mr. Cheng Yi-tung appears as a member of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, without any special "portfolio". During the years before the war the head of the Government was the arch reactionary, Chen Kuo-fu, but it is quite possible that Cheng was included in the Government in a more or less nominal capacity, to give it a representative appearance.

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appearance. As dean of the Nankang  
College he would be the likely to  
be a notable figure in the province.  
Nankangchow, near Shanghai, was the  
scene of the agricultural experiments of  
the great reformer, Chang Ch'ien, and  
presumably Cheng was associated with  
this work, a fact which would give  
him special prestige.

His emergence into the diplomatic  
career, as successor to the  
retiring Hsu Mo, is interesting,  
and he will be worth watching.

H. P. Alexander, Jr.  
12/6.

J. Thye Skenderson  
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Under Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs

Dominions Office,  
2 Park Street,  
W.I.

Date *4.6.45*



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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS SERVICE IN ENGLISH  
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THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHENG YE-TUNG, AS  
CHINESE MINISTER TO CANBERRA IN  
SUCCESSION TO DR. HSU-MO, CHINA'S NEW  
AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, IS EXPECTED TO BE  
FOLLOWED BY A TREATY BETWEEN CHINA AND  
AUSTRALIA. AT A RECENT FAREWELL TO  
DR. HSU-MO, PRIME MINISTER CURTIN SAID  
NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TREATY HAD BEGUN  
AND WOULD BE COMPLETED, HE HOPED WITH  
DR. HSU-MO'S SUCCESSOR.

= NEW CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA  
CHENG YE-TUNG =

MR. CHENG YE-TUNG HAS HELD THE POST  
OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE KIANGSU  
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND DEAN OF THE  
NANGTUNG COLLEGE. HE SERVED AS A

MEMBER



MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL  
POLITICAL COUNCIL OF THE KUOMINTANG.  
( BBC MONITORING )  
1929 6.5. (o) PES

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FROM Sir H. Seymour,  
Chungking.

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Dated 29th May, 1945.

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F : China

Appointment of the Chinese Minister to Australia.

Reports that by a National Government  
Mandate dated the 1st May Mr. Cheng I-tung was  
appointed Chinese Minister to Australia.  
Gives a brief record of his career.  
Copied to the United Kingdom High  
Commissioner in Australia.

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## References.

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There is I think a  
D.I.D. paper about this. A.H. Scott 21/6  
D.I.D. 27/6  
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Copied to:  
United Kingdom  
High Commissioner, Canberra.

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
CHUNGKING.

29th May, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that by a National Government Mandate dated 1st May Mr. Cheng I-tung was appointed Chinese Minister to Australia.

2. Mr. Cheng is not a well-known figure and this appointment would appear to be a Party one, as he has no previous diplomatic experience. He was born in Chekiang in about 1904 and was educated at the Peking Normal College. At various times he has been a member of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, President of Nantung College, and a specialist member of the Central Political Council, the now defunct predecessor of the Supreme National Defence Council. He was elected a reserve member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang in 1935.

3. It is stated that he received part of his education in the United Kingdom, but no details are available.

4. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the United Kingdom High Commissioner at Canberra.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

The Right Honourable  
Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P.,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

*H. Seymour*



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