

YANG acceded with pleasure to HUMMEL's request to be allowed to journey to the Bogdo-ula for botanical and zoological studies. He asked him to take soundings in the little alpine lake near the temple Fo-shu-ssu and to find out whether the climate there would be beneficial to his health. In this case YANG intended to spend a part of the summer on God's Mountain.

For the rest, HUMMEL's time was taken up with botanical excursions in the vicinity of the city, visits to patients, and a growing practice. The governor of Aqsu became worse again, and HUMMEL feared a stomach-tumour. YANG therefore advised his brother-in-law to discontinue all medical treatment! But when the sick man had been left to himself and the healing arts of the Chinese for a week he asked HUMMEL to come back and go on treating him.

### RECOGNITION OF KUOMINTANG IN SINKIANG

In China proper CHIANG KAI-SHEK's troops had completed their northern campaign. Peking had fallen into their hands, the city was now no longer the capital, and its name had been degraded to Peiping (The Northern Peace, instead of, as formerly, The Northern Capital). Although no real unrest spread to far Sinkiang, even this distant province of the huge realm felt repercussions from the general revolution brought about by the victory of Kuomintang, the national people's party. On July 1st Governor-General YANG ordered Kuomintang's flag to be hoisted on all public buildings in Urumchi. That very morning an official ceremony took place in the governor's yamen, to which had been summoned all the officials and officers in town, whether Chinese or Sart. A speech was held in honour of the historic event, and homage was paid to SUN YAT-SEN's portrait.

At a subsequent meeting a council for the Kuomintang Party in the province was appointed. Opinions and convictions had nothing to do with these appointments, for YANG himself decided who were to become members in the party and in the council. He also changed his title, in conformity with similar changes in the other Chinese provinces, from Governor-General to Chairman of the Provincial Council.

It seemed as though the government in Nanking wished to depose YANG and appoint General MA FU-HSIANG in Kansu to the post of pacification commissioner for Sinkiang, while YANG was to be made a mere member of the provincial council. Actually, however, this came to nothing, and instead YANG was appointed as chairman of the Sinkiang provincial government and was also to act as director of frontier defence for the province.

Meantime, a day was approaching when Urumchi was to be the scene of dramatic events that upset all the decisions of the nationalist government in Nanking.