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EDITORIAL LETTER
**Comments on China's
'Reshuffled' Government**

Dear Editor: I must seriously challenge a number of statements appearing in the column of Charles Van Devander and William O. Player in your Nov. 21st issue, about the "reshuffle" in the Chinese Government.

First, Chen Li-fu, the "Himmer of China" has been removed from the Ministry of Education, but his new position as head of the Organization Department of the Kuomintang is one of the most powerful key positions in the Chinese Government. The Kuomintang rules the Chinese Government, not vice-versa. Chen Li-fu is now directly in control of the Kuomintang machinery, a post which he held for years before 1938, when his waning fortunes relegated him to the Ministry of Education. His new position also keeps Chen in control of the secret political police.

General Ho Ying-ching retains the position of Chief of Staff, which is also of vastly greater importance than to be Minister of War. He will be able to control the national armies as before.

It matters not what "authoritative quarters" in Washington say to contradict the above statements. They are in for a serious disappointment and the American people for serious disillusionment if they harbor childish beliefs that this "reshuffling" of the Chinese Government means anything. Under pressure of our Military Mission, the ruling Kuomintang may go through certain motions only.

Our President has handled the China situation with infinite tact and understanding, and his hands should not be tied by misleading articles designed to confuse public opinion.

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MR. THACKREY:
This is the
Smedley letter
which will lead
off Readers' Forum
Saturday, edited
as you directed.
Agnes Cronin