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Miss Wang Kwei-fen, the first Chinese young woman to receive an American airplane pilot's license, has been given an executive post in the aviation administration of the Ministry of War. She returned recently from New York University, where she studied aviation and qualified as a pilot. She intends to work in Nanking only for one year, after which she will go to Europe to study technical aviation, hoping to assist China to establish its own airplane factories.

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