

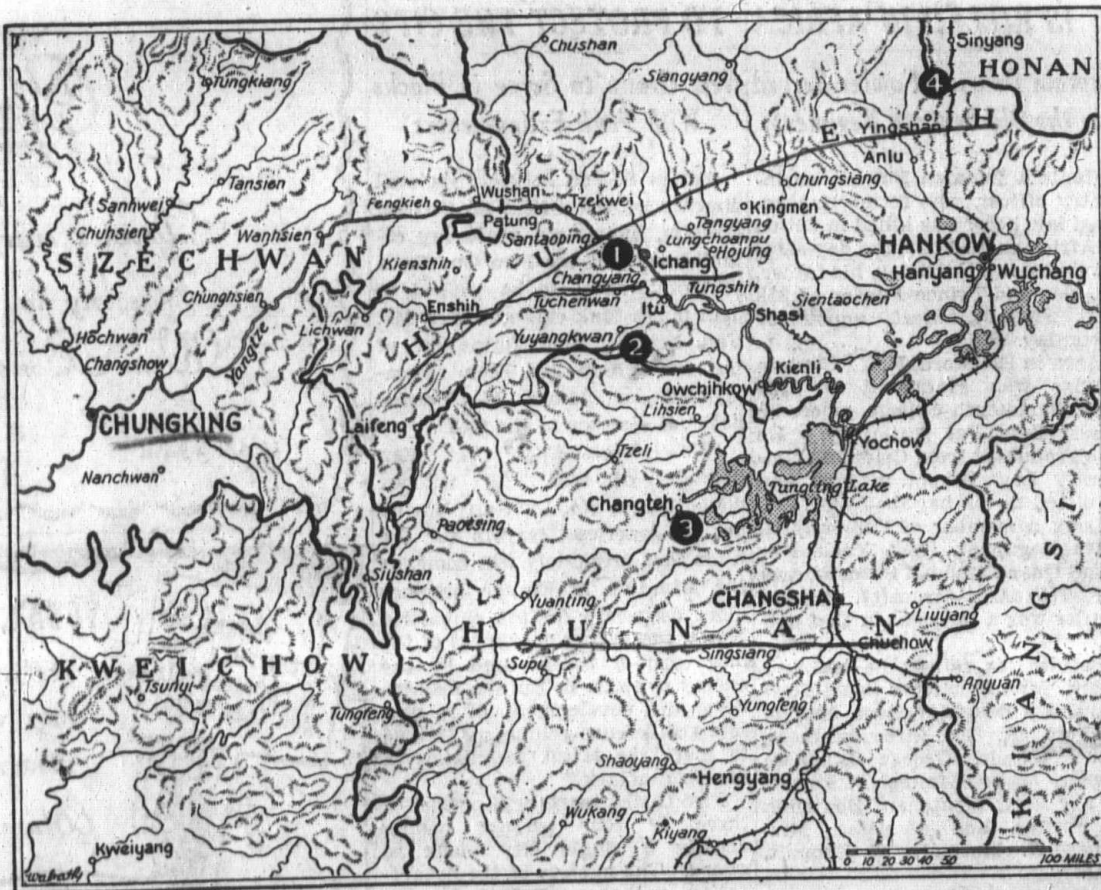
Outline of Military Operations

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1. China

Reports of Japanese operations in western Hupeh on the Yangtse River were generally of an alarmist nature during the last week of May. The Japanese were said to have concentrated at Ichang and nearby points a great force, of which five divisions were being used as a spearhead in the most formidable westward thrust yet attempted. Chungking was thought by many to be the objective. The enemy was expected to avoid the fortified and easily defensible gorges of the Yangtse above Ichang and to push instead through the mountains south of the river, from Yuyangkwan (occupied the third week of May) and Changyang (May 25) through Wufeng and Enshih toward the capital.

**ENEMY'S THREAT TO CHUNGKING IS BEATEN BACK**



June 1, 1943

Supported by a smashing Chinese-American raid on Ichang (1), defending troops threw the Japanese back to the outskirts of Changyang and there threatened to wipe out five divisions. The Chinese also captured Yuyangkwan (2) and pursued the enemy beyond it. An indication of

the seriousness with which the Japanese drive had been regarded was the evacuation of civilians from Changteh (3). Far to the northeast the Chinese took several positions outside Yingshan and broke into the east gate of Sinyang (4).