

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.

