

# GREATER EAST ASIA — TESTING-GROUND OF JAPAN'S EXPANSION



The "China incident" that began on July 7, 1937, with a clash between Chinese and Japanese outside Peiping (1) has brought under Japanese control an estimated 420,000 of China's 2,903,475 square miles. Of a total Chinese population of about 387,119,000, the Japanese invaders rule an estimated 180,000,000. After the war's first phase—Shanghai (2) fell to the Japanese on Nov. 8, 1937, and Nanking (3), the former capital, on Dec. 13, 1937—the invaders moved more slowly. The industrial center of Hankow (4) was taken on Oct. 25, 1938, four days after the fall of the southern port of Canton (5). Though guerrilla fighting has long characterized the war, last week larger developments appeared in progress. The Japanese captured Chengchow (6). The Chinese claimed success at Ichang (7), farthest point of Japanese advance up the Yangtze. Japanese quarters asserted that the Chinese were unleashing their greatest offensive since the "incident" began.