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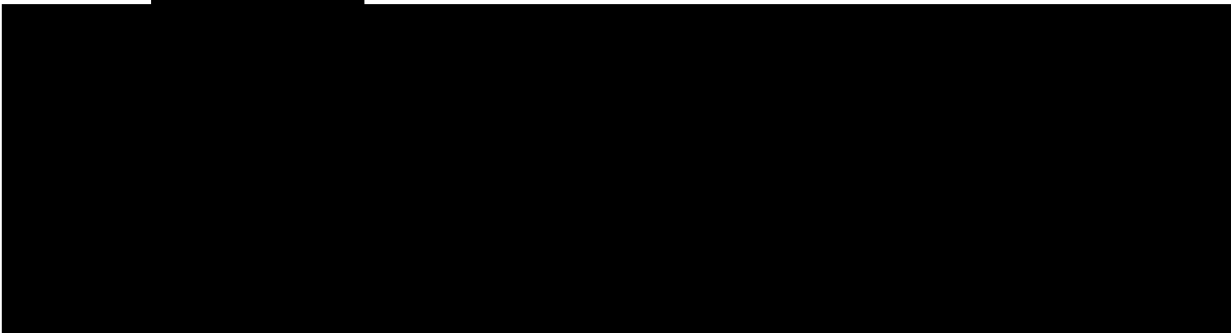
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1. The number of regular Communist troops in Szechuan is estimated to be about 150,000. In addition, more than 200,000 former Nationalist troops and about 80,000 miscellaneous troops are in the province. Time has not permitted the Communists to reorganize and retrain these troops, and because of widespread guerrilla activity they have avoided restrictive measures for fear of open revolt and an increase in guerrilla prestige. LIU Po-ch'eng and HO Lung are now in Chungking and Chengtu respectively to keep the situation under control.
2. There are 40,000 regular troops in Chungking, Chiangpei (106-35, 29-36), Chichiang (106-39, 29-02) and Nanch'uan (107-17, 29-07), and about 20,000 men in Chengtu. About 30,000 men are stationed along the Yangtze, from Chungking eastward to Ch'angshan (107-03, 29-51), Fouling (107-26, 29-44), Chunghsien (108-02, 30-20), Wansien (108-24, 30-49), and Fengchieh (109-31, 31-02).
3. The remaining 60,000 Communist regulars are disposed in regiments along the Chungking-Chengtu highway and the Szechuan-Shensi highway, on the Min River at Meishan (103-51, 28-55) and Chiangching (106-15, 29-17). A battalion each is maintained at the following places: Tshsien (107-28, 31-16), K'aihsien (108-27, 31-11), Langchung (105-58, 31-35), Nanch'ing (106-04, 30-48), Sant'ai (105-04, 31-06), Hsinching (103-49, 30-25), Ch'iumglai (103-29, 30-25), and Mingshan (103-08, 30-05).
4. Many of the hsien are garrisoned by troops that defected to the Communists or are in the hands of guerrillas. Communist control in the area is further undermined because of friction between LIU Po-ch'eng and HO Lung. HO is attached to the 1 Field Army and rarely cooperates with LIU, whose orders carry no weight in Chengtu.

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