

CHINESE RECAPTURE RICE BOWL CAPITAL

China scored her biggest military victory of the war by routing 100,000 Japs and driving them from Changteh, key defence town of the rich Hunan Province in Central China.

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(9 svp men fwd) After a 40-day battle the Chinese entered the battered town. Abandoned Jap arms littered the once thriving capital of the Hunan rice trade. The former inhabitants lost no time in returning to what was left of their homes. After ~~many~~ seven years of war they have lost nearly everything but their unconquerable spirit.

There was a large haul of prisoners. Even in China, ~~the~~ *the scene of easy victories in past yrs* ~~scene of easy victory in the past~~, the Japs ^{now} know they are on the down grade.

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(CU) Valiantly indeed ~~many~~ our Far Eastern allies play their part in the overthrow of Japan.

In the overthrow of Japan, our Far Eastern Allies play an increasing part valiantly indeed.