SHIMOMURA, Sadoshi, Lt. Gen. Jap-la 下村定 /CHYMA/ Japan New York Times 23 November 44

Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces in North China. Appointed in November 1944.

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Referred to in this report as the "new Commander-in-Chief of the Western Army"

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Born in Kochi Prefecture. Graduated from the Army Staff College. Studied in France. Was a member of the suite attached to Yosuke MATSU-OKA at the time of Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations. Lt. Gen. SHIMOMURA and General FUJIYE are the two outstanding Japanese authorities on European conditions. From November 1942 to the time of his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Western Army, Shimomura was commander of an army unit in China. Prior to November 1942 Shimomura was in succession Director of the Tokyo Bay Fortress, Director of the Army Artillery School, and Director of the Army Staff College.

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