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But I assure you that China will not tolerate such a world as the present, ~~or the~~ based, based on racial and color discrimination, with the good things of life reserved for but a small minority of the ^{world's} population. Even if the Chinese Government is semi-Fascist --and it is--a dictatorship of the very small governing class of China, still it does not represent the millions of soldiers ~~fight~~ and civilians in the war zones.

Two British writers once came to China and wrote a silly book, called "Journey to a War." But in that superficial book was one excellent poem by Auden, the British poet. This poem "To a Chinese soldier", ran something

like this:

Far from the heart of culture he was used,
Abandoned by his General and his lice,
Under a padded quilt he closed his eyes,
And vanished.

He will not be mentioned when this campaign
Is tidied into books.
His name is lost forever, like his looks. . .

Yet he taught us,
And added meaning like a command,
When he turned to dust in China
That our daughters be fit to love the earth

And not disgraced again before the dogs.
That, where are water, mountains and houses,
May be also men.

In my new book, the BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA, I
have tried to place the Chinese soldier in a book,
recording his looks, his hopes and sorrows.
His name is MAN, MAN OF COLOR, MAN OF ASIA.
BUILDER OF A NEW WORLD.

~~In my book I have told how I made a long
march with 500 such soldiers of China. I may
as well tell it to you, to show you how these men
of China organize and fight a powerful and ruthless
enemy who could never have penetrated China
without our help.~~

I doubt if you students here can
imagine the life conditions under which
Chinese soldiers-- and Chinese students,--
work.