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A United States Army report written by General MacArthur's intelligence staff in Tokyo and released week before last, described Russian spy operations in Japan, and named an American writer, Agnes Smedley, as a spy for Russia. Last week the Army's public information division in Washington said it had no proof at hand to back up the charge against Miss Smedley. It added that it was not the usual policy of the Army to make a charge unless it had the proof. Miss Smedley said she hoped the Army's back-tracking statement marked "an end to the policy of 'smear first—investigate later'".