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TO SPEAK HERE—Agnes Smedley, (above) noted author of the best seller, "The Battle Hymn of China," will appear in Calhoun County Tuesday for two speaking engagements, the luncheon meeting of the Anniston Rotary Club and Jacksonville's Forum.

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**Agnes Smedley Will Appear
Here Next Tuesday**

Under the auspices of The Anniston Star and the State Teachers College at Jacksonville, Agnes Smedley, whose latest book, "The Battle Hymn of China," has gone into the list of best sellers throughout the country, will visit Calhoun County next Tuesday for two addresses. She will speak before the Anniston Rotary Club at 12:30 and at the Jacksonville Forum at 8 o'clock in the evening. Different subjects will be chosen for the two addresses.

Agnes Smedley has been in the thick of war in China. Acclaimed by the fighting forces of China as "China's friend," Miss Smedley is one of the most amazing and interesting Americans of her generation. In 12 years as war correspondent, author, lecturer and volunteer in the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps in the war zones of China, she has lived a full and eventful life.

For her books on China she went to places and lived under conditions that have daunted occidental and Chinese writers alike. But she has not been content merely to report what she has seen. Agnes Smedley has fought side by side with the Chinese for the principles of the great founder of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Sun Yat Sen—"Independence, democracy and improvement in the people's livelihood." Her autobiography, "Daughter of Earth," has been published in 13 languages and her new book "The Battle Hymn of China," was recently published by Knopf.

From 1937 until about a year ago when her health collapsed, Agnes Smedley covered thousands of miles of primitive, roadless, war-stricken country in the interior of China—as special correspondent for the English Manchester Guardian and investigator of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. With Chinese troops she crouched in ditches

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to escape airplanes which had been made, equipped and powered with American materials. Dressed as a soldier, she slept night after night, months on end, with pistol at side. "The Japanese take no prisoners," she says, and she is one of six Americans marked for assassination by Japan's secret service as active belligerents in China's war.

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