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"There's no soft war in China, where the battle cry is 'Give Everything,'" says Agnes Smedley, intrepid woman war correspondent and author who spent two years as a volunteer worker in the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. Miss Smedley, the author of the stirring new book, "The Battle Hymn of China," will tell a thrilling tale of her experiences in the fighting fronts in China, when she speaks at Southwestern University on December 17. Miss Smedley is back in this country with one burning desire to kindle America's interest in China's problems and to make clear how our nation's fate is at least partially wrapped up in China's. As an illustration of the "give everything" idea, Miss Smedley was quoted as follows in a recent interview.

"I had returned after two years with the Chinese Red Cross Motor Corps to a wartorn area where suffering and privation loomed on all sides. I discovered an 11-year-old Chinese boy orphaned and half starved. I arranged with authorities to adopt him and have him sent to school in the interior.

"But he wouldn't have any of it. Although he looked more like a boy 9 than 11, he proudly rejected my pleadings. This is what he said:

"You may adopt me if you like after the final victory. Right now China needs every man at the front."

"That's what I mean by giving everything."

Miss Smedley, an American newspaper woman, went to the Far East in 1928 as correspondent for the Liberal newspaper Frankfurter-Zeitung. An ardent anti-Fascist, she lost her position when Hitler came into power. She became a special writer for the Manchester Guardian when China got into war. Miss Smedley joined the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps as an unpaid volunteer worker. For a time she was with the Eighth Route Army, traveling on foot and on horseback. She also experienced many adventuresome raids with guerilla forces.

Shell shock—she was under al-

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