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Agnes Smedley with the magistrate of Hwangchuan (left) and Major-General Wang Chang-ping, vice commander of the 7th Army in north Hupeh Province.

**BACK IN AMERICA**  
after 12 years in China.

Since the Sino-Japanese war began, with Government and guerrilla armies under fire at the front and the enemy rear as special writer for the Manchester Guardian of England and investigator for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps.

Graduate of San Diego State College; former student of U.C., Berkeley, and N.Y.U. Five years teacher of English in English Seminar, University of Berlin, before Hitler.

For three years before Hitler, correspondent in China for the liberal German daily, the Frankfurter Zeitung.

One of six Americans marked for assassination by the Japanese Secret Service as an active belligerent in China's war of defense.

Author of "Daughter of Earth," "Chinese Destinies," "China's Red Army Marches," "China Fights Back," etc.

# AGNES SMEDLEY

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"CHINA'S FRIEND" — War correspondent, author, lecturer, volunteer in the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corp in the war zones of China.

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## LECTURES

"CHINA FIGHTS BACK—the Story of a New Kind of Army."

"GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE JAPANESE REAR"

"STORY OF A LOUSE— History of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps."

"CHINESE WOMEN IN WAR"

"THE INTELLECTUAL REVOLUTION IN CHINA"

"TOWARD THE FINAL VICTORY"



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*"Until I achieve my aim, my merit and reputation of thirty years' standing are as but dust and sand; but on my eight thousand mile journey, I shall have the clouds and the moon as my companion."*

—From an ancient Chinese poem, "The Blood-stained River"

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# Agnes Smedley - China's Friend

"To Miss Agnes Smedley, who has trodden many passes in China and whose energy is comparable to that General Yin Yen, I offer this small token of appreciation for her example of real Love of mankind—'heathenly,' she says, and 'heavenly,' say I . . ."

"To the grandest woman I know—determined, brave and very deeply sensitive."

"From America to China,  
From China to India,  
Your footprints travel  
Through the battlefields of liberation  
Of all oppressed nations.  
What has arisen after your heels  
Is the torchlight of freedom.  
Your two iron hands are used  
To unite the anti-Fascist forces of the world"

These three quotations, the first inscribed by a Chinese Catholic priest on a book of Chinese poems and paintings; the second a toast from one of the world's most important and responsible diplomats; the third an extract from a poem written by women for a Chinese Woman's Conference called to welcome Miss Smedley, aptly describe Agnes Smedley, war correspondent, investigator for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps, lecturer and author, now in America, her native land, after 22 years of purposeful wandering.

Agnes Smedley knows China, at peace and at war, as perhaps no other foreigner. She has lived in China for 12 years. Since the Japanese invasion began she has been at the Chinese war front with the Chinese Government armies, and in the rear of the Japanese Army of occupation with guerrilla armies. With Chinese troops, often with Japanese prisoners, she has crouched in ditches to escape airplanes made, equipped and driven with American war materials. Dressed as a Chinese soldier and guarded by Chinese troops, she has slept, night after night, month on end, with pistol at side, should the Japanese come—for "the Japanese take no prisoners."

She has worked in hospitals mercilessly sought out and bombed; tended the wounded, lectured to Chinese soldiers up and down the war zones to give them courage by telling them of their countless friends in the democratic countries. Walking or riding 20 or 30 miles a day, she then sat down to send detailed reports to the Chinese Red Cross Medical corps. Since 1938 she has been a special correspondent for the Manchester Guardian in China, and her reports, stories, and four books, have awakened thousands to China's need. She has issued appeals for surgical instruments, medical supplies, trucks and ambulances to aid China's wounded. The names of her friends are Legion, and come from every rank of society.

And always she has fought, by voice and with her pen, with her own compelling personality, for China's "independence, democracy, and improvement in the people's livelihood," the "Three People's Principles" of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Now, on her first American lecture tour, Miss Smedley, known to Chinese soldiers and the common people as "China's Friend," will give to Americans the real, true, authentic story of how "China Fights Back," of the monumental changes taking place in China—and what Americans can do to aid their rising sister democracy.

This Agnes Smedley who writes CHINA FIGHTS BACK, is surely one of the remarkable women of our times, she makes no pretense of being an objective observer, calmly sitting on a fence and reporting with detachment. "Of course" she said "I am not impartial, and make no such pretense. Yet I do not lie, do not distort, do not misrepresent. I merely tell what I see with my own eyes and experience day by day". That is true and she has seen things which no other American, man or woman, has seen. . .

Of such stuff, in all ages, martyrs have been made. Martyrs can never have been comfortable people to have around the house. But they have made history and literature.

New York Herald-Tribune review of  
"CHINA FIGHTS BACK" —by Lewis Gannett

"The reader will find it hard not to thrill at this heroic picture of a people not merely in the abstract but of individuals who suffer silently and cheerfully—risking everything to be free . . . Twenty-five years ago the heroic ages of the world seemed past. We had forgotten that heroic ages are such because they are the theatre of a struggle with the forces of darkness. Miss Smedley makes one see that for China this is such a period—horror, hatred and hope intermingled, humanity at its worst and best."

From N. Y. Times review of  
"China Fights Back"