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Volunteer In Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps." National
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"CHINA'S FRIEND"

AGNES SMEDLEY

WAR CORRESPONDENT

VOLUNTEER IN CHINESE RED CROSS MEDICAL CORPS

*One of the dozen Americans designated by
Japan for assassination because of active
service in behalf of China.*

Author of

**"BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA"
"DAUGHTER OF EARTH"
"CHINA FIGHTS BACK"**



"I first met Agnes Smedley at the headquarters of China's famous Eighth Route Army in the winter of 1937, when she was there as a war correspondent. In the weeks that followed I perceived a woman compassionate, courageous, utterly selfless in her devotion to others. When I returned to Hankow in the spring of 1938, I found a new Agnes Smedley. Under battle conditions her sterling qualities were thrown into relief. When I departed she was preparing to join the medical corps of the New Fourth Army. Nearly two years later a dispatch from Chungking announced her arrival in an emaciated condition. In the interim she had traveled with troops of the Chinese Communist and Kuomintang armies on both sides of the Yangtze, the only foreigner to witness operations in central China during the years 1938-39-40."

Col. Evans F. Carlson, U. S. M. C. Author, "Twin Stars of China"

"Thousands of Chinese soldiers owe their lives today to the fact that an American girl on her way to India stopped over in China, and remained there from 1928 to 1941. She grew into a living legend—the John Gunther of the Chinese Red Army, the Brendan Bracken of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps, and the Florence Nightingale of the Chinese guerillas. Agnes Smedley lived Chinese life with Chinese people. Upon the outbreak of the Japanese war in 1937, Agnes Smedley got funds, equipment, medical supplies to the front. How? By Smedleyism, a homespun mixture of guts, galantry, and horsesense."

Frances Gunther, "The Progressive"

Lecture Topics

**"CHINA FIGHTS ON" "CHINESE WOMEN AT WAR" "TALES OF CHINESE GUERRILLAS"
"POLITICAL EDUCATION IN CHINESE ARMIES"**

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AGNES SMEDLEY

When physical collapse forced Agnes Smedley to return to the United States in 1941, after twelve years' participation in China's epic struggle to remain free, she came with a message from Major General Chungyi, who told Miss Smedley, "We have our faith. Victory will not be easy, but we will fight until victorious. We have faith. Tell your countrymen."

General Chungyi could have chosen no more fitting a missionary than Agnes Smedley, the woman who so knit her life into that of China, that often she forgot she herself was not Chinese. To her, the problems, strength and weaknesses of China seemed to be those of the whole world. Among the soldiers and common people she was known as "China's Friend". So active a friend she proved, that the Japanese Secret Police marked her for death—one of a dozen Americans and English so designated.

Agnes Smedley's intimate knowledge of China was gained from sources that no other Occidental has been able to tap. She was not only a reporter of events, (first for the pre-Hitlerian "Frankfurter Zeitung", then for the "Manchester Guardian"), but a participant in them. She wanted to know all there was to know about all the Chinese, so she lived with them, the factory workers, the peasants, the intellectuals, the politicians and the soldiers.

Then, when war with Japan broke out in 1937, she went to the front. Four years she was there, with the seven regular armies and two of the great guerilla armies, the Eighth Route and the New Fourth. She served as publicity director of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. She nursed the sick and wounded. She lectured to Chinese soldiers and civilians up and down the war zones to sustain their courage. From the mountains and broad plains she sent out news reports of China's struggle. She slept night after night, month and year on end, dressed as a Chinese soldier and with pistol at her side.

Now in her lectures, she relives all this before her American audiences. She dramatizes the picture of China in its courageous stand against external aggression and internal evils. She "tells her countrymen."

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AGNES SMEDLEY AS A LECTURER

"Miss Smedley informed, inspired and delighted her audience. Because of the force of her personality, the earnestness of her delivery and the authenticity of her information, I consider Miss Smedley one of the foremost lecturers on China on the platform today." *John O. Moseley, University of Tennessee*

"Miss Smedley has what so many speakers on the new China lack, a first hand knowledge of the Chinese soldiers and peasants, their life and also their reactions to the part played by the West in the war. The students at Bryn Mawr were much moved by her directness and by the deep conviction with which she spoke."

*Elizabeth R. Cameron, Department of History,
Bryn Mawr College*

"Agnes Smedley's address at Community Church was a notable event. One has a vivid impression of an honest person thoroughly devoted to the facts as she saw them. She is an exceptionally fine speaker with a strong and pleasing voice. Our congregation was kept throughout her fifty-minute address at absolute attention."

*Rev. Donald G. Lothrop,
Leader, The Community Church, Boston, Mass.*

AGNES SMEDLEY "BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA"

"No other book on China is anything like it. She tells of fighting China today, raw and raucous, and she tells it with intimacy born of ten years of bitter suffering. Agnes Smedley is a force of nature, and the title of her book is literal: it is a battle hymn for the Chinese people."

Lewis Gannett, N. Y. Herald Tribune

"What to praise most in this deeply passionate and sincere book I do not know. In sheer informativeness Miss Smedley's book exceeds even Edgar Snow's still invaluable "Red Star Over China."

Ralph Bates, The New Republic

"Miss Smedley's book is a remarkable piece of vivid, sympathetic, harshly exalted reporting."

John Chamberlain, N. Y. Times

"It is the story of the real China. In it the blood and sweat and tears of the author merge with those of the people of whom she writes."

*Col. Evans F. Carlson, U. S. M. C.
New York Herald Tribune*

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