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Books on China Give 'Real' Story

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Recently the Boilermakers' library acquired six books on the subject of present day China. They are: The Chinese Soviets, Village In August, Roar China, China's Red Army Marches, Battle of Asia, and Battle Hymn of China.

These books, recent additions to our library, give a rich and glorious account of the struggle of our heroic brothers, the common people of China, against imperialism from abroad and feudalism at home.

In Battle Hymn of China, Agnes Smedley tells of treachery and intrigue between the British, American, and Kuomintang governments, and their joint efforts to strangle the Red Armies under Chu Teh and Mao Tse Tung. It is a tale of suffering and horror, and gives the reader a deeper appreciation of the Chinese, in their mammoth struggle to achieve the Four Freedoms.

After reading these books, we understand why Chiang Kai Shek was not at Teheran, since he is still bent on exterminating the

Red Armies by devious means. They depict him as a throwback to the age-old ethics of Confucious and Feudalism, combined with a genius for organization.

The International Red Cross appears in a strange light, when it gives unlimited quantities of medical supplies to missionary hospitals, but none to Chinese Volunteer Hospitals because that would be "tantamount to supplying the Chinese Army."

Send Supplies

One way to get medical supplies to the Red Army is to send them in care of Mme Sun Yat Sen, Chungking, who is sympathetic to the Red Armies, believing that they alone are carrying out the principles that her husband Sun Yat Sen taught when he brought about the Chinese revolution and overthrew the Manchus.

Miss Smedley's books leave the reader ashamed of the official attitude toward "Orientals." They leave the indelible impression that these men and women are our own brothers and sisters, that their successes and failures are ours.