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ON CHINESE BATTLEFIELDS

Our speaker, the famous woman war correspondent for the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, is just back from twelve years in China and is the author of two well known books on contemporary China, "Chinese Destinies" and "China Fights Back"

Few if any Occidentals know so much of the truth about China at war as does Miss Smedley.

Since the Japanese invasion began, as special correspondent for the GUARDIAN and investigator for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps, she has been at the war front with the Chinese armies and in the rear of the Japanese Army of occupation with the guerrilla forces.

She has the distinction of being one of six Americans marked for assassination by the Japanese Secret Service as an active belligerent in China's war of defense.

Speaking before "Town Hall" last Monday, that meeting was considered one of the highlights of the year of that outstanding organization.

It is regrettable that our accommodations provide for but 100 at luncheon as no doubt many of you will desire to bring a friend and be brought up-to-date on the situation in China and perhaps opinions on the happenings of the past few days.

We are most fortunate to be able to present,

AGNES SMEDLEY

who will try to analyze the basic problems of China--
Guerrilla warfare--China's struggle for democracy--
the role the Army plays in this--America's power and
responsibility--Attitude of Japanese soldiers.

SOUTH AMERICA as it appeared to G. H. Nickerson who has just returned from a trip to Buenos Aires and points in between, proved a most interesting recital. The process of discovering stores where English was spoken and understood was, to say the least, original and authentic. Many of our most interesting programs are the matter of fact recital of experiences of our members and they invariably claim that "they cannot make a speech". THE ATTENDANCE PRIZE, an electric desk clock from Ted Loretz of Loretz & Shannon, will now grace the desk of Morris Blau of The Texas Company.

THE ELECTION. The first Thursday in December is the date of the Annual meeting of this corporation at which time directors are elected for a two year term, seven on "odd" years and eight on "even" years. The seven chosen by the membership last Thursday were, Byron Reynolds, Dan Storrs, R. O. Vernon, E. E. Whiting, James A. Keller, G. H. Nickerson, Clarence Martin, who, with the eight elected last year, Morris Blau, Carl W. Bull, Paul N. Carter, Fernando Figueroa, "Bob" Gutsch, R. A. Mitchell, J. E. Parkinson and David B. Scott comprise your Board of Directors for the year 1942. -- At the December meeting of the Board on Monday, the 15th, the 1941 Board having completed its business, the 1942 Board will convene and elect officers for the coming year.

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL. The Secretary of the Treasury issued Public Circular No. 185, Sunday, December 7, 1941. "All general licenses, specific licenses, and authorizations of whatsoever character are hereby revoked in so far as they authorize, directly or indirectly, any transaction by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, Japan or any national thereof." Referring specifically to Executive Order 8389, as amended, granting certain licenses to aliens, continuously resident in the United States since June 17, 1940.

ONE USE FOR FOREIGN TRADE ZONES Employment of pigeons to separate ergot from grains of rye has solved a labor problem at Staten Island. Ergot, a parasitic growth peculiar to certain types of rye, contains important medical properties but the task of separation by hand has been both laborious and expensive. Balkan peasants formerly performed this task and the ergot was exported to the United States. Since the outbreak of the war, the contaminated rye has been obtained from other sources and brought to New York's Foreign Trade Zone but difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable labor for this work. -- A pigeon in search of food, started to eat the grain spread out for separation, other pigeons were attracted and eventually the fluttering of wings and the movement of the pigeons completed the separation. Subsequent receipts of fungus-bearing rye have been spread on a fine mesh screen on the open upland area of the zone to attract a larger number of pigeons. The ergot remains and is gathered after the pigeons have consumed all the rye. The W-P-A pigeons of Manhattan's office buildings now have steady jobs at the Staten Island zone.

SOUTH AFRICAN TARIFF ON U. S. GOODS A spirited debate is being carried on in the South African press as to whether the tariff should be lowered on American goods, perhaps placing us on a parity with the parts of the British Dominion under the terms of the Ottawa agreement.

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Merry Christmas

COME
TO OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY
YOU-YOUR WIFE-YOUR FRIENDS

A CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Chef swears, "You must be pleased".

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Fred H. Beeman, Leader
Mrs. Beeman, Accompanist

LA SONOMA RUBIO TABLE WINE

Through the kindness of
Napa & Sonoma Wine Co.
and Past President Glenn
A. Smith, their agent as
California Wines, Ltd.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

And some comments
Will R. Forker.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

With all the Fixin's

WORTH WHILE PRESENTS

for which a drawing will be held have been provided by committee

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YOUR OFFICERS FOR 1942

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LAST THURSDAY'S MEETING at which Agnes Smelley spoke on the subject of Chinese Battlefields was outstanding in that after speaking 45 minutes and reaching our regular time of adjournment, some thirty of our members remained for another hour during which Miss Smelley kindly continued the relation of her experiences with the Chinese armies and with the guerrilla bands behind the Japanese lines. Critical of our action in the past of supplying the sinews of war to the Japanese to be used against the Chinese and which now will be used against us, she anticipates a tremendous wave of enthusiasm in the breast of the Chinese soldier to now know that the United States is definitely and completely on their side. THE ATTENDANCE PRIZE which came from the General Steamship Corporation, a beautiful bust depicting a Balinese maiden with a note expressing the hope that the beautiful island of Bali and its unspoiled people might escape the horrors of the war which is now so close to them, went to Wallace Durham of the Nico-Dust Company. In the absence of President Ray Mitchell, Vice President Morris Blau presided.

H. W. PETERSON local manager for the Pan-American Airways is confined in the Quon of the Angels Hospital with that most painful of maladies, a stone in the kidney.

CODES AND CODE ADDRESSES are out of the picture for the duration of the emergency. Plain English, full name of the sender. Messages to the far east the signature must give the full name and street address for which you pay.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING At the regular December meeting of the Board the business of the year was completed outside of such emergencies as arise during December, and three of the stalwarts of the Board bid adieu. Clarence Yenny, connected with the association since its inception and a director for the past four years, on account of the manifold problems of shipping in these days of emergency, asked to be relieved. Earle E. Humphries who has served on the board continuously for the past eight years and during which time has served as President, and as Chairman of the Board asked to be relieved as did also W. D. Fraser who also served as President and Chairman and has served on the board since January 1936. The wise counsel and experience of these three will be missed but in their place, you have elected three strong men, James A. Keller, Pacific Coast Cement Institute; Clarence Martin, Editor of Commercial News and G. H. Nickerson, G.P.A. United States Lines. Your new Board, the first of this association in its 22 years history to take office with our nation at war, reminded itself of the problems facing our nation and of the prominent, important and necessary part which foreign traders have in the carrying on of our nations primary function forced on us by dastardly action of Japan at Pearl Harbor, and especially the necessity of carrying on the maximum of trade with those countries still accessible to us and to prepare for the problem of reconstruction which will eventually come and in the solution of which, the good will, the contacts, the representations which can be built up in this time of stress will be of tremendous assistance of placing the returning service man in a productive job by means of the foreign demand which we may secure. Never was a time when the foreign trader had greater opportunity or responsibility to his country.