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Miss Smedley, Champion of Reds, Borne on Stretcher in Journey With Army

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SHANGHAI, Oct. 3.—Miss Agnes Smedley, former Colorado school teacher and radical writer, who has been accompanying the Chinese 8th Route Army in Shansi Province as a war correspondent, recently suffered a spinal injury that necessitates her being carried on a stretcher, it was learned reliably here today. Further reports on her condition were not available.

Miss Smedley, who, although an American and not a member of the Chinese Communist party, has been a staunch literary champion of the Communist revolutionary movement in China during her ten years in this country, came into prominence during Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's captivity in Sianfu last December, when she assisted in radio broadcasts from Sianfu in English favoring a Chinese united front against Japan.

Previous to the outbreak of the Chino-Japanese hostilities last July, Miss Smedley was living in Yen-an, then the Chinese Communist capital 100 miles northward of Sianfu. The 8th Route Army, battles of which she has been reporting, is composed of former Communist units under Cho Teh.



Agnes Smedley, former Colorado school teacher, and writer

Three years ago, Miss Smedley published a book, "The Red Army Marches," the first volume of its kind in English dealing with the history of the Communist movement in China.