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**Agnes Smedley, War Writer,**  
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**To Be Wollaston Speaker**

Agnes Smedley, author of "Battle Hymn of China" and "China Fights Back," war correspondent, and volunteer in the Chinese Red Cross medical corps in the war zones, will speak tonight at the Wollaston Community Forum, Unitarian parish house, Beale street, at 7:45 o'clock.

#### Unique Experiences

This remarkable woman with unique experiences in China had a speaking engagement in Boston this weekend which enabled her to come to Wollaston tonight. She has covered thousands of miles in the interior, and saw embattled China as few of the white race, man or woman, have been permitted to see it.

When the Japanese invaded China Miss Smedley, then a war correspondent living in China, went to the front where for 22 months at a stretch, dressed as a Chinese soldier and with a pistol at her side, she lived with the guerrilla and national armies.

Miss Smedley was born in Missouri but spent her youth in the mining camps of the coal area of Colorado. Though she never completed the elementary course of the one room grade school in the coal mining camp, she has taken special courses at Berkeley, New York University and the University of Berlin.

In all, Miss Smedley has spent 12 years in China, going there from Germany in 1929 as special correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung where she continued until Hitler came into power. Four of the 12 years she spent at the front where she worked in hospitals, crouched in ditches under Japanese gunfire, and lectured to the Chinese soldiers in the war zones.

At length malaria, malnutrition, and overwork stopped her activities. After months in a Chinese hospital she returned to this country shortly before Pearl Harbor and is now regaining her health while writing and lecturing.

Few have fought more tirelessly for the great mass of common people of modern China, and no one is better qualified to speak of the courage and devotion of that war torn nation.