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Agnes Smedley Speaks on China At USSA Peace Planning Talk

Agnes Smedley, war correspondent and author, will speak on China at the Assembly Friday, fifth hour in the second of the United States Student Assembly's peace-planning series, Know Your Allies.

The series is being presented with the cooperation of the Assembly Committee. The first two programs of the series have been on Great Britain, with Lord Bertrand Russell, and Latin America, with Waldo Frank.

Miss Smedley has lived and worked with the Chinese for twelve years. Since the Japanese invasion began she has been at the Chinese war front with the regular armies, and spent two years with guerilla armies at the rear of the Japanese army of occupation.

Dressed as a Chinese soldier, with a pistol ready for the Japanese if they came, she has crouched in ditches to escape strafing, worked in hospitals, and gone up and down the war zones talking to the Chinese soldiers about their friends in the democratic countries.

Because of her activities on behalf of the Chinese, she has been marked for assassination by the Japanese Secret Police. She was one of six Americans so designated by Nippon.

She made no pretense of being an objective observer, calmly sitting on

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fence and reporting with detachment.

"Of course," she said, "I am not impartial, and make no such pretense. Yet I do not lie, do not distort, do not misrepresent. I merely tell what I see with my own eyes and experience every day."

Agnes Smedley has been a special correspondent for the Manchester Guardian, and an investigator for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. She is the author of Daughter of Earth, China Fights Back, The Battle Hymn of China, and numerous articles on the Chinese people and their battle for freedom.