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RED CROSS HELPS CHINESE BRANCH

Full Support of Drive for Funds Is Urged

How the American Red Cross is helping its sister organization and protegee, the Chinese Red Cross medical corps, was described at war fund headquarters here Saturday by Miss Agnes Smedley, lecturer and war correspondent, who urged that New Orleanians meet their full quota of \$1,100,000 in the current Red Cross campaign.

Ralph Nicholson, chairman of the drive in New Orleans, announced that a total of \$768,923 had been raised to date.

A member of the Chinese organization during her extensive trips to battle areas with the Chinese guerilla and Nationalist armies, Miss Smedley told how they had to "start from scratch,"

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using such simple things, long taken for granted in this country, as sterilized bandages.

Teach Troops Cleanliness

The teaching of cleanliness and sanitation among the troops was the first and greatest task of the corps, Miss Smedley said, but the troops were eager to learn how to protect themselves and were apt pupils in first aid.

"When I went up into North-western China with the troops I found thousands upon thousands of wounded men dying because of lack of transportation and facilities," she said. "Only the most primitive conditions existed. It looked like the Crimean war zone did when Florence Nightingale arrived."

Joining the corps, Miss Smedley appealed to Western countries for help. The American Red Cross, which had been confining its activities among civilians, sent a liaison officer to China in 1940 and began to help the Chinese Red Cross medical corps directly by supplying trucks for transport

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CHINA AID FOR RED CROSS—Miss Agnes Smedley, a member of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps, is shown as she gave her personal Red Cross contribution to Miss Coyle McChesney, a cashier for the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, at headquarters, 130 Camp street. Miss Smedley is a noted author, lecturer and war correspondent.

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tation of the wounded across the long stretches of fighting lines, as well as medical and surgical supplies.

Retrain Medical Corps

When the medical corps was set up as a field organization of the general Red Cross in China, there were more than 200,000 uneducated men in the army medical corps, the writer asserted. While serving in field and base hospitals, the Red Cross medical corps at the same time organized training schools to retrain the men in the army medical corps, she explained.

"The Chinese Red Cross medical corps worked in the spirit of the International Red Cross," Miss Smedley said. "China still needs many things, but I think the American Red Cross is helping her more and more. We mustn't be isolated in our attitude toward the Chinese, and particularly their Red Cross."

"Our destiny, our fate, is bound up with the fate of China. China is our chief land base of operations in Asia, and if China should collapse it would be a great disaster for America as well as all the United Nations."

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