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"Chinese guerrilla soldiers are thoroughly taught with this object: If a whole regiment were wiped out except for one survivor, that survivor would have the zeal and knowledge and discipline to raise a regiment in its place," Agnes Smedley, author of "Battle Hymn of China," said here today.

Miss Smedley, who was the speaker at the luncheon of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations in the Palmer House, was of the opinion that the United States might take some hints from the effective indoctrination courses of the Chinese guerrilla armies and "the more advanced" of the national armies under Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-shek as well.

Denies She's a Red.

The speaker, who has accompanied both national and guerrilla armies in the field, denied that she had tried in 1937 to help set up a Communist "empire" in North China, as was reported at the time. She said the reports arose from the fact that at the time Chiang Kai-shek was kidnaped she had, as she admitted, delivered some radio broadcasts "reporting" the views of his opponents and the motives of the kidnapers.

"I am not a Communist," said Miss Smedley. "Ask them. I criticized the Communists in my latest book—the American, not the Chinese, Communists."

Returning to the subject of military indoctrination, Miss Smedley said the soldiers throughout the entire 8th Route and New 4th (guerrilla) armies are given a clear idea of what they are fighting for and why they must fight.

Months, she said, were devoted to the history of Chinese struggles for freedom and to the conflict with Japan; other months to natural science, including the scientific care of the sick and wounded. Every soldier in these armies, she asserted, is taught

some Japanese, and can "hurl slogans to confuse the enemy."

Lauds Chinese Reds.

The speaker commended the Chinese Communists for a decree providing that Communists should not hold more than one-third of the public offices in areas liberated by the guerrillas. This decree, she said, was a recognition that Communists are not in a majority in these communities.

She was emphatically of the opinion that the generalissimo's party should come to an understanding with the guerrillas and should permit Allied press and military observers to visit the areas in which the guerrillas operate, to learn the facts for themselves.

Jimmy Cagney Gets Gas 'Air Delivery' from Nazis

London, March 17. — (AP) — The lines weren't in the script but Jimmy Cagney, Hollywood tough guy, told a soldier audience recently, "I think the general idea right now is to get the hell outa here," and they did.

With a large crowd of soldiers and officers Cagney moved to shelter from a theater somewhere in England seconds before a gasoline tank from a Nazi plane crashed through the roof.

"Back in the states," said Cagney, here on an entertainment tour of U.S. Army camps, "I had to fight to get two gallons of gas a week. Over here Hitler sends me tanksful—special delivery."