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Agnes Smedley Answers Your Questions

Ever since the first batch of BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA was mailed out, the office staff of Book Find Club has been deluged with inquiries about Miss Smedley.

What is she writing? Where is she living? How is her health? In desperation we decided to sidestep a welter of personal correspondence by writing directly to Agnes Smedley and passing along the information.

The following forthright reply was promptly whipped back from up-state New York.

"I am spending most of my time lecturing. Have started work on a play on China, but such work can hardly be combined with lecturing, which disrupts all one tries to do in a creative way. I do not wish to talk about my play, as I've never written one and it may be a flop. I'm trying to get rid of as much lecturing as possible, so I can work on the play. I have a historical novel on China in mind, if I can ever find the time in which to write it and a means of earning a living while doing so. I don't like writing—nor do many writers. I write because I feel compelled to do so. It's a task filled with torture at best. Relaxing? How does one do that, I wonder.

I hope to remain in New York State for some time, and at some distant time, when I've completed the work I have in mind, I shall hope to return to China. I did not merely take a trip to China. I lived and worked there. It was my life, not a trip or a journalistic job. Many Americans keep telling me that I had remarkable "adventures" in China. I can't conceive of my work in China as an "adventure." An adventure is something outside you—something a tourist goes in for. I merely worked and lived my life in China. I'm not particularly interested in going to any other country except China. The ruling party, the Kuomintang, does not want me there, but the Kuomintang is not China nor the Chinese people. I will bide my time. "All things come to those who wait," and I wait for many things.

My health is spotty. Better than the health of the Chinese whom I value."