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## EDITOR, CRIPPLED BY JAPS, TO GET COUNTY GREETINGS

Ojai and Ventura friends and well-wishers of J. B. Powell, editor of the China Weekly Review, who is in a New York hospital crippled for life as the result of experiences suffered in a Shanghai prison at the hands of his Japanese captors, are joining with others in Southern California in a message of cheer and best wishes.

Miss Agnes Smedley, a writer now living in Ojai and a friend and former coworker in the Orient with Powell, is circulating a joint message to Powell which has been signed by representative citizens in Ojai and Ventura. She left yesterday afternoon for Los Angeles where she planned to obtain additional signatures before forwarding it to the fighting editor in New York.

### 'CHINA'S GREAT FRIEND'

The letter, written across the top of a triple sheet of Chinese hand decorated Chinese stationery, read as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Los Angeles and environs, express to you, dear countryman, J. B. Powell, our deepest respect. You have upheld American principles of democracy, racial equality, and justice in the Far East.

"You were China's great friend and you will remain a pillar of its faith in us. We will respect your wish that the chief thing is to win

the war and release other prisoners of war. You have lost your feet for our sakes but we will try to be your feet, your hands, and your voice. Rest, recover and stand by our side. Salute, dear countryman!"

### JAP ENEMY No. 1

Powell, for many years known in China by the Japanese as Public Enemy No. 1 because of his championing of the Chinese cause, lost all 10 toes as the result of freezing, gangrene and lack of care in the notorious Bridgehouse prison. He recently arrived in this country, emaciated and ill, with other Americans on the steamer Gripsholm.

Miss Smedley knew Powell in the Orient and, as correspondent with the Chinese armies, contributed to his English-language periodical.