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Agnes Smedley has been in the thick of war in China. Acclaimed by the fighting forces of China as China's friend, she is one of the most amazing and interesting Americans of her generation. In twelve years as war correspondent, author, lecturer and volunteer in the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps in the war zones of China, she has lived a full and eventful life. Agnes Smedley will tell a thrilling story when she appears at Fort Valley State College on Sunday, December 5th, at 5:45 P. M.

For her books on China she went to places and lived under conditions that have daunted occidental and Chinese writers alike. But she has not been content merely to report what she has seen. Agnes Smedley has fought side by side with the Chinese for the principles of the great founder of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Sun Yat Sen—"Independence, democracy and improvement in the people's livelihood." Her autobiography, "Daughter of Earth," has been published in 13 languages and her new book, "The Battle Hymn of China," is shortly being published by Knopf.

From 1937 until about a year ago when her health collapsed, Agnes Smedley covered thousands of miles of primitive, roadless, war-stricken country in the interior of China—as special correspondent for the English Manchester Guardian and investigator of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. With Chinese troops she crouched in ditches to escape airplanes which had been made, equipped and powered with American materials. Dressed as a soldier, she slept night after night, month on end, with pistol at side . . . "the Japanese take no prisoners" . . . and she is one of six Americans marked for assassination by Japan's secret service as active belligerents in China's war.

Agnes Smedley has fought verbally, by the written word, and with her compelling personality, for China's cause. Now on her first American lecture tour Miss Smedley gives to Americans the authentic, amazing story of how China fights back . . . of the monumental changes now taking place in China.