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Author of 'The Battle Hymn of China' Will  
Tell of Life with Chinese Peasants and  
Army in Fight Against Japan.

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ON ST. PATRICK'S feast day next week the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations will have thoughts only for China and its problems. The March 17th speaker is to be Agnes Smedley, acclaimed as an authority on Chinese living and accused, some years back, of having tried to create a great Communist state in China's north-western sector. At a luncheon in the Palmer House Grand Ballroom on Friday she will discuss "Democracy in China." This controversial subject will be the Council's first display of interest this year in the Orient, and should be of special interest to such groups as the Friends of China, the Institute of Pacific Relations and China Relief.

While she is in town Miss Smedley will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Carmichael on Blackstone av. This is not her first Chicago visit, but it will be the first time she has addressed such large and diversified audience here.

The last five of a total of 14 years in China Miss Smedley worked side by side with the Chinese troops and peasants as they fought back the Japanese. Her work as a correspondent with the Manchester Guardian and the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps brought her into the lives of many Chinese democratic leaders. Among her friends were Lt.Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell, Maj.Gen. Claire L. Chennault and the former British ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr. Parts of her colorful life are told in her recent book, "The Battle Hymn of China," and with more detail in her autobiography, "Daughter of the Earth," which is published in 13 languages.