

NOT IN CHINA...
NOT IN EUROPE...

but

RIGHT HERE AT HOME!

With the pages of our daily papers filled with stories of pleas for aid for the peoples of war-torn Europe and China, are we overlooking what is going on right here at home—right here in Oakland County?

Let's consider the facts.

Hospital facilities in Oakland County are woefully inadequate. St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital has facilities for handling 175 patients at one time. For weeks it has had over 200 patients crowding its rooms. Pontiac General Hospital, with a capacity of only 95 patients, has been handling more than 140 patients!

With our hospitals thus overcrowded, what would happen if we were to face a great emergency—a great fire—a wreck—an explosion—when literally hundreds of persons would need immediate hospital attention at one time?

What are we going to do about it?

St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital—with your help—proposes to do something about it *right now*. At the present time, St. Joseph's has part of its space occupied by resident nurses on duty and in training. These nurses are living in the hospital because, frankly, there is no place else for them to live.

Every citizen in Oakland County knows the need for Nurses Training.

Without nurses, no hospital could function. Without hospitals, no community could exist. And with the supply of

nurses being depleted by industry and defense needs, a Nurses Training School is now more important than ever before.

St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital conducts the only Hospital Nurses' Training School in Oakland County. St. Joseph's plans to continue and expand this school. But it cannot continue it—cannot give its nurses a place to live—cannot take care of its far-too-many patients—all at the same time.

That is why it asks your help. St. Joseph's plans to erect, by popular subscription, a new Nurses' Home as part of the expansion. This home will insure the expansion of the Nurses' School—and, most important of all, will provide facilities for 80 more patients in the hospital proper!

These are the facts. Any doctor or health officer in Oakland County will confirm them. Charity for the peoples of war-torn China and Europe is a wonderful thing. We urge that you support these great causes. But we also respectfully ask that you remember the old saying: *Charity Begins at Home.*

The County-wide drive to raise the funds for the St. Joseph's Hospital Expansion is now on. When you are approached to give your share, remember that you are helping the hands that are helping you, and give the limit.

WHAT PHYSICIANS SAY ABOUT HOSPITAL CONDITIONS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

"We have never approached the hospital bed capacity problem for a community the size of Oakland County. There are 175 beds in the facilities of Pontiac General Hospital, but the average number of beds is a good 200, even more. I am sure that the situation of the hospital is a serious one in the problems of Oakland County. It has a shortage of beds and a shortage of nurses. It needs a program of expansion."—Harold A. Kuntz, M. D., Michigan State Commission.

"Thanks to the splendid support of the citizens of Pontiac, Pontiac General Hospital is about to add some 200 more beds to its present capacity. It is with this increase in the care of hospital beds in Pontiac we will be able to do many other communities. The staff of Pontiac General Hospital, which has already endures the strain of its hospital for St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, will be in every respect."—C. H. Blackman, M. D., Chief of Staff, Pontiac General Hospital.

"We have a desperate situation concerning our hospitals. We are now operating in care of 100 patients in addition to our bed capacity. We are now operating in care of 150 patients in addition to our bed capacity. We are now operating in care of 150 patients in addition to our bed capacity. We are now operating in care of 150 patients in addition to our bed capacity."—Joseph M. D., Chief of Staff, St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.



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