

'People' Group Told Of HOPE Ship Story

"The health problems in Southeast Asia and Latin America are appalling, fantastic, overwhelming, unbelievable," Dr. Herbert Bloom told his audience, the Birmingham-Bloomfield, People-To-People chapter at its October meeting recently.

"To speak of democracy and national self-government has no meaning to these people whose only concern is survival. The language they do understand is the language of HOPE with its program for relief of pain and human misery and they are very grateful.

"This program was started by men who want to speak to these people with medical information on a purely voluntary basis. There is a waiting list of volunteers that supersedes many times the number who can be selected. The majority of the medical men selected to serve leave successful medical practices for a period of three months to one year."

H-O-P-E STANDS for Health Opportunities for People Everywhere, realizing that human lives are sacred everywhere. The story of HOPE, this fully equipped and well-staffed floating hospital ship is the same whether it is docked at Java, Latin America or off northern Africa where it arrived last week with plans to stay until September 1965.

"Conditions in these areas can be described by three words: mass-cess; poverty; filth," Dr. Bloom said. "Masses of people. For example Java with 46,000 square miles has a population of 60 million; Michigan with 36,000 square miles has a population of 7 1/2 to 8 million.

"POVERTY. In Latin America and Southeast Asia, in any big city, thousands are dying on the streets from starvation. In fact the streets are the locale for human events. People are born on the streets, they die on the streets and spend their lives on the streets.

"Filth. This is a result of complete ignorance of contamination and bacteria.

"Add all three, masses of people, poverty and filth and the result is rampant disease—TB, malaria, typhoid, and practically every known pathological condition known. This is especially frightening, because of the shortage of medical personnel."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Where's Free, Honest Press In the U.S.?

To the Editor:

This reader and former reporter would like to know, what has happened to the free and honest press? Why are certain publications trying to brain-wash the American public into accepting for the presidency of this great country a man who surrounds himself with persons of questionable character, whose lack of morals has become a national issue, while he uses the powers of his high office to cover up details which might stain his image?

IS THIS courage? What is principle? What is integrity? Have we moved so far left that these values no longer have a place in our lives? From here the issues are not complex and certainly the principles are clear.

This grandmother has waited more than 30 years to cast her vote for an honest constitutional statesman to be president of our land.

If right is wrong then I am confused and maybe you are, too.

See you at the polls.

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Local Alumnae Hear Talks by College Head

Birmingham-area women were among alumnae who heard an address by Dr. William F. Quilliam, Jr., president of Randolph-Macon Woman College, Lynchburg, Va., recently at a 75th anniversary dinner in Detroit.

Mrs. R. W. Handrhan, 5567 Westwood Lane, Birmingham, is chairman of the campaign.

Bloomfield Hills Man Named Associate Professor at Wayne

David H. Makinson, 34, has been appointed associate professor of social studies education in Wayne State University's College of Education.

Dr. Makinson came to Detroit from the University of Utah. A native of Ohio he received his B.S. degree from Kent State University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Makinson and his wife Barbara live on one daughter, Dr. live at 1830 E. Mohawk Court, Bloomfield Hills.



DAVID H. MAKINSON

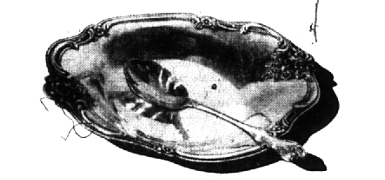
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IN THE AFRICAN area of Liberia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Mali, to which Dr. Bloom made an advance study, there are nine doctors for the three million population. In Southeast Asia, there is one doctor for every 450,000 people.

"How successful is Project HOPE? The majority of the volunteers have asked to go out on second missions. As far as the recipients of the medical services, which are given only as part of the main mission of training of medical and dental doctors, nurses and technicians, there comes to mind an incident that occurred at the end of the Vietnam voyage Aug. 28, 1961. We were sailing the next day. There were 50-60 people waiting in the clinic. Dr. Fong, Vietnamese doctor in charge, announced there would be no more patients seen. Immediately, these usually stoic men and women began to sob and plead to stay. They rushed around Dr. Bloom holding up their babies and children grabbed him around the legs and ankles, begging him to stay in Saigon.

"BUT EVEN MORE than the medical treatments, we were their friends and we left behind hope in the knowledge and trained people which could multiply over and over again, to give these people pride and confidence to help themselves to improve their own fate.

"The color movie HOPE IN PERU outlined the People-to-People project which was originated in 1956 by former President Eisenhower.

Mrs. Vaskey Nahabedian, president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield chapter, announced that in addition

Hospital to Benefit From 'My Fair Lady'

Mrs. George F. Herr, 27723 Red River Drive, Lathrup Village, is among Detroit-Macomb Hospital Auxiliary committee members working on final plans for the South Macomb Hospital benefit of "My Fair Lady" to be held Saturday, Oct. 31, at the United Artists Theatre in Detroit.

Proceeds will be used to purchase necessary equipment and furnishings for the new hospital now under construction in Warren.

OTHER LOCAL alumnae are

Mrs. Robert Hampson, 28556 Woodlore, Franklin; Mrs. Thomas Minor, 4130 Meadow Way, Birmingham; Mrs. Robert Jones, 2063 Windemere Birmingham; Christie Hewlett, 561 Twin Oaks Lane, Birmingham.

Mrs. A. L. Baumann, Jr., 4294 Rouge Circle, Birmingham; Mrs. F. C. Walbridge, 515 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham; Mrs. Randall Booth, 5522 Pebbleshire, Birmingham; Mrs. Robert Joffile, 1452 Buckingham, Birmingham; Mrs. David McFarland, 2754 Ruckham, Lathrup Village; and Mrs. Jonathan Ball, 381 Shirley, Birmingham.

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