

# Volunteer Worker in Korea Lecturing Along West Coast; In Medford Friday

In Medford Friday to discuss activities of the Friends Service

unit program was an Essex Englishman who recently completed three years as a volunteer worker in Kunsan, South Korea. Geoffrey Hemingway, graduate of the school of economics at the University of London, has been lecturing on the West Coast since Oct. 21. He will spend six or seven more weeks in the United States discussing the program before returning to England.

Called Quakers The Religious Society of Friends, often called Quakers, was formed in 1917 and is staffed by volunteer workers from various faiths throughout the world. The most active organizations are the American Friends Service committee, British Friends Service council and the Canadian Friends Service committee.

In an interview, Hemingway said the most important thing about Korea today is that it is "a very poor country." The English volunteer worker

was utilized in the medical and welfare field while in South Korea. "It would be wrong to assume," he said, "that Korea could ever maintain social services in Western standards without Western assistance."

"Our work in the medical field," he said, "was to rehabilitate a South Korean government hospital and organize and equip it in such a way that we could do effective teaching there."

## Korean Practice

The practice in Korea, according to Hemingway, is that when a patient goes to the hospital he is always to be accompanied by a relative. There are two reasons for this, he said. One, he said, is because of the close ties between relatives in Korea. The second is that South Korea cannot afford to provide facilities for adequate staffs. The ratio of hospital staff workers to patients in Korean hospitals is about one-seventh of what it is in the United States, Hemingway said.

The custom in Korean hospitals, he pointed out, is for the relatives to live in the same room with the patient and wash them and cook their meals. The cooking is done in the patient's room, he said, and the charcoal and wood is kept under his bed.

The welfare program in Korea distributed quantities of milk, clothing and school supplies to Kunsan families, Hemingway said. About 160 houses also were built in cooperation with local people in Kunsan, he added. Hemingway stated that the Friends Service helped to establish 50 Kunsan families in some kind of business with loans such as livestock.

Seek Education The South Koreans have what Hemingway described as a "hunger for education," and are willing to make great sacrifices to get it. The reason for this, he said, is that "education counts in terms of personal income." Only with an education does a South Korean have a chance of "latching on to what ever cream there is," he said.

Hemingway said there is a pronounced theoretical or acad-

emic bias in South Korea. A person who has an education there can get a job can get a job before another person can who may have more "practical background" in a field, according to Hemingway. He added that one can become a doctor there without ever seeing a "sick person."

In South Korean schools, he said, there is a "definite emphasis" on English subjects such as English Literature. There is a trend there to adopt American customs, he pointed out, which "doesn't make sense as South Korea can't trade with the United States because the two coun-

tries have no need for each other's products."

## Utilize Resources

Hemingway stated that there is a trend on the part of local governments in the world and the United Nations "to utilize the vast resources and aid in national catastrophes where the Friends Service would usually contribute aid."

This, he said, will soon result in a reassessment of the value and place of the volunteer agency, such as the Friends Service. He said that volunteer agencies should make a survey of world "trouble-spots" and make long range plans on how the

services of volunteer agencies can best be utilized in those areas.

While in Medford Hemingway spoke before the Medford Council of Church Women at their annual World Community Day program Friday, at the First Christian church, 209 South Oakdale ave., Medford.

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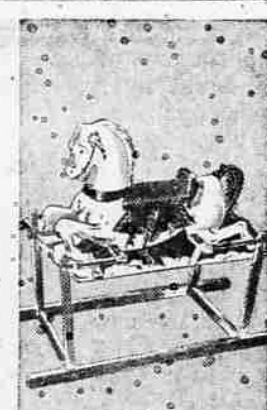


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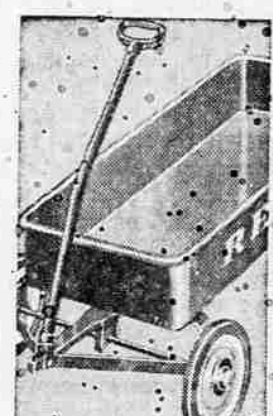
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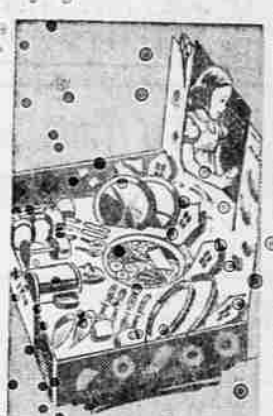
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