

Siskin Brothers Devoted to 'Reclaiming People From Scrap Pile'

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Chattanooga, Tenn.—(UPI)—“O keep a place apart within your heart for little dreams to go.”

So go the last two lines of a poem framed on the wall of a building on a one-way street in this southern industrial city at the foot of Lookout mountain. A sign on the front reads “Operation Crossroads.”

The reception room inside is the hustle and bustle of a busy out-patient clinic. Nurses in crisp white, questioning, whispering children, anxious grownups.

You take note of things on the walls:

—The Big Brother certificate: “Few others have stood so straight as Mose and Garrison Siskin, who have stooped so often to help others.”

—The citation from the Orange Grove School for the Mentally Retarded: “In grateful appreciation for making a dream come true.”

Reclaim People

You meet a big gruff fellow who has eyes that look like they want to cry. This is Garrison Siskin who, with his brother Mose, have embarked—as they put it—on a job of “reclaiming people from the human scrap pile.”

Their place is formally called “The Mose and Garrison Siskin Memorial Foundation Rehabilitation Center.” But the Siskin Brothers don't really go in for formalities.

“Come with me and I'll show you,” says Garrison.

Presently you arrive at a soundproofed little room. A man is seated before a one-way mirror that looks out into a larger room where several children and a teacher can be observed and heard without their knowledge.

The man turns, a look of wonder still on his face.

“That's my little girl,” he says softly. “I just heard her speak for the first time.”

“Come with me,” says Garrison Siskin. “There is more.”

Are Legend

Around Chattanooga where they grew up and collected junk door to door to help their Russian immigrant parents—the Siskin Brothers have become something of a legend.

Today they are wealthy owners of a steel fabricating plant. But they have never lost touch with the past when life was a struggle.

It's said around Chattanooga that it's pretty hard to get a job at the Siskins' plant now unless you have been in some kind of trouble.

The “Pushka” — the good

deeds box of ancient Hebrew times—was a central feature of the devout Siskin household. Into it went a regular amount and out of it came the funds to help those in need who came to the family's door. Mama Siskin never would allow the “Pushka” to be robbed or cheated for her family's benefit.

Today, the “Pushka” theme is still the guideline for the Siskin Brothers. But they might have gone through life as just a couple of civic-minded business executives had it not been for an event in Johnson City, Tenn., one night in 1942.

Garrison, en route to New York, was re-boarding his train in the Tennessee town when a 50-pound steel stairway grid fell and struck his right leg.

Clot Developed

A blood clot developed and soon he was at the point of death from the same malady that had killed his father.

“I'll never forget lying there on the operating table,” he said. “The doctor wanted to amputate but he told me frankly I'd probably die anyway. I asked him to leave my leg alone. And then I prayed. I said ‘God, if you decide to let me live, I'll spend my life in the service of people.’”

Garrison did live, and with his brother then embarked on a life of making good on the promise.

Out of their pledge grew the center, endowed with more than two million dollars of their insurance. Today it covers a city block. Their help also has pulled many another worthy local project back to life.

“Don't get me started about the Siskins,” said Chattanooga Reporter Marian Peck, whose beat is 127 social service agencies.

“I wrote about our Speech and Hearing clinic and how it was closing for lack of support. The Siskins heard about it and the center was revitalized and given the finest equipment. Today it is performing miracles.”

Rebuild School

The Orange Grove school also was about to close when the Siskins went to inspect it. Appalled at conditions, they decided on action. They called in 100 bricklayers on two successive Saturdays and rebuilt the place in 18 days.

One large building at the center houses a complete education plant for a Hebrew school and kindergarten (one of the few Hebrew features in evidence) and any number of local agencies.

The Chattanooga literacy movement housed in the building holds classes nightly for adult illiterates. In two years, more than 500 have been educated in a county where 15,000 can neither read nor write, according to the 1960 census.

A library of rare books, including Braille, is utilized by many students of all faiths. (It requires 148 volumes in Braille to duplicate a 20-volume printed encyclopedia.)

The center also houses the

West New Guinea Agreement Seen as Victory for Region

Tokyo—(UPI)—Southeast Asia sees the impending agreement in the West New Guinea dispute as not just a victory for the Indonesians but one for all former colonial nations of the region.

This common bond served to rally many of the Southeast Asian nations to Indonesia's side early in the dispute. Their support never wavered although the dispute threatened at times to erupt into a full-scale war which could have engulfed all of Southeast Asia.

In Manila, Vice President and Foreign Minister Emmanuel Pelaez was quick to point out that while the Philippines favored a peaceful settlement, it was committed to support Indonesia in the dispute since its very beginning.

Happy About Help

“We are particularly happy because in our modest way we have been helping through diplomatic channels to establish contacts between the Indonesians and the Dutch,” he said.

He reiterated an offer to send Filipino technicians and doctors and help develop primitive West New Guinea and expressed the hope that “with the West Irian issue out of the way there will be greater opportunity for Indonesia and the Philippines to explore ways and means of strengthening their brotherly relations.”

Singapore and Malaysia, Indonesia's staunchest supporters in the dispute, hailed the impending agreement as one which would lessen tension in Southeast Asia. Hundreds of volunteers, including women, from both territories have been undergoing training in Indonesia as part of President Sukarno's campaign.

In Singapore, a government spokesman said the settlement of the dispute would remove “one big sore” in the

region and “dispel tension felt by neighboring countries.”

He paid tribute to the United States and particularly to U. S. Diplomat Ellsworth Bunker and United Nations Acting Secretary General U Thant for mediating the dispute.

President Sukarno announced Saturday that formal negotiations over New Guinea would take place and that his foreign minister, Subandrio, would go to Washington at the end of the month to conduct them with Dutch officials.

Preliminary Talks

Subandrio had held preliminary and informal talks with the Dutch last month. Dutch officials welcomed the Indonesian decision and said it appeared the end is in sight to the long dispute, which has broken into sporadic fighting in the past several months, with Indonesian paratroop landings forcing the evacuation of civilians from many points in West New Guinea.

Both parties have agreed in principle to the plan put forward by Bunker for the territory's future.

The Dutch would turn over administration of the island to Indonesian officials, but the territory's 600,000 Papuan natives would be guaranteed eventual self-determination by the United Nations.

Water Resources Board Sets Klamath Meeting

Salem—(UPI)—The State Water Resources Board will meet at the Klamath Falls city library Aug. 23.

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