



To insure the continuation of his work, Dr. Lalonde is training the young in dentistry.

of each year away from his lucrative Rochester practice to make life livable again for tooth-tortured natives of Tanganyika, Uganda, Nigeria, and Angola. In the process, this one-man Peace Corps has given the name "American" a new lasting glory in a part of the world where Communists work especially hard to vilify it.

To supplement what he can do on his own, Dr. Lalonde has set up a chain of outlying dental clinics which serve some 30,000,000 people in a region where, until he came, there were only a half-dozen or so dentists. He also has equipped 24 bush hospitals with complete dental facilities and has modernized their diagnostic and treatment facilities.

OUT OF HIS OWN funds and those of his bedazzled supporters back home, he has done all this and more for something less than \$500,000. His brother Leo accounts for part of this miracle of logistics. A professional shipper, Leo crates in his Rochester garage the tons of equipment and medications which make possible his brother's annual six-month African dental practice. Both Leo and their spry 88-year-old mother help "scrounge" this material from donors everywhere.

Dr. Paul pays the freight charges on everything—running into thousands of dollars annually—as well as his own expenses in the bush. When he gets to Africa, he economizes further by making every scrap do double duty. He turns packing-case panels from his X-ray machines into storeroom doors, and even the shredded material that cushions X-ray

tubes in transit is used as stuffing for pillows and operating-table headrests.

To make sure his work continues beyond his own lifetime, Dr. Lalonde has stitched his program into the durable fabric of a young, energetic group, the Medical Missionaries of Mary. He himself has trained its members and their native helpers so that they can train others as dental technicians and nurses.

Where does a man like Dr. Lalonde get off tackling such a State-Department-sized job—and then making a phenomenal success of it?

"You have to be a little crazy," he says with a grin. Boyhood excitement about Africa, sparked by the adventures of Stanley and Livingstone, helped, too. Then, as a man, he translated this excitement into big-game hunting trips there and in other parts of the world. With his wife, who died in 1954, Dr. Lalonde also has shared lifelong interest in medical missions, many of which they visited during 25 years of world travel.

Last year, Dr. Lalonde cut through red tape and succeeded in placing a young dentist from New York in Africa to carry on for him when he is back in Rochester. And recently he learned that the elaborate dental-training facilities which he has provided at the Medical Missionaries of Mary headquarters in Ireland have begun sending the first Lalonde-sponsored graduate dentists to Africa.

It is a mighty big project for one small man to have launched, but it is now definitely a going concern—a durable example of American humaneness in Africa.



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