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La médecine, demain, par Jean Hamburger — *La Presse médicale, Paris, 1968, n° 6.*

The revolution which is in preparation has the following phenomenon as its main reason. The mass of medical knowledge acquired, whose understanding is necessary for the treatment of the sick has suddenly overtaken the doctor's prehension and memory. No doctor can any longer know medicine as a whole. This has come about during the course of an unconscious progression without anyone expecting it, so that the significance of such an event has been realized. Today matters have become spectacular, it must be agreed, and the seriousness of the problem appears all the more evident that the number of facts theoretically indispensable increases each year at a bewildering rate . . .

. . . Medicine, therefore, without altering its form or abandoning any of its human quality must modify its scientific organization if one wants the sick to draw the full benefit of the progress which is taking place. The essential problem is for the doctor to have up to date information at all times. Present methods of dealing with information must be placed at his disposal. This is an immense, difficult and revolutionary task. The openings, however, which it will offer are extremely wide and the challenge merits the making of very considerable efforts.

The Young World Appeal : FAO's action-oriented youth program, by Angus Archer, *Freedom from Hunger, Rome, September-October, 1967.*

We are witnessing the ascendancy of the "now generation"—that increasingly large, increasingly powerful and increasingly vocal percentage of the population under the age of 25. To many young people in dozens of countries, both developed and developing, one (if not *the*) crucial issue of our time is the widening gap between the rich nations and the poor nations.

FAO's Freedom from Hunger Campaign, recognizing two powerful revolutions—the revolution of rising expectations and the revolution of youth awareness—happening side by side, launched in 1965 the Young World Appeal designed to link these two forces and harness them to the cause of development, particularly the aspects of development related to freedom from hunger.

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A group of world youth leaders and youth personalities gathered in Rome in October 1965 at a Young World Assembly, from which there emerged the Young World Manifesto. The manifesto, which forms a philosophical basis for the appeal, has been translated into more than 30 languages and widely distributed in all FAO member countries.

Two somewhat obvious but not widely appreciated facts appeared unique and significant to the participants at the Young World Assembly:

• First, in the overall context of international development in the *developing* countries the involvement of youth is new and relatively untried. Young people in these countries are experiencing an "opportunity gap," and they represent a latent potential for constructive action in terms of rural development and increased food production. Here are the raw materials for a plan that could see the unleashing of literally millions of young people for development activities through rural youth programs.

• Second, the involvement of youth themselves in the development process — in the developing countries, as agents of change and direct participants in projects; in developing countries as supporters of projects and advocates of more rapid world development — is a growing force to be tapped.

The concept of youth-to-youth support, while not applicable in all instances, is an increasingly valid one. Young people can force the pace of development, yet instances of youth being used in development are still comparatively rare. There are 30,000 young volunteers from developed countries serving in developing countries—there could be more; there are a few successful national youth services, volunteer labor movements or *services civiles*—there could be more; there is a small percentage of young people actively engaged in constructive development through voluntary organizations or rural youth programs—it could be much higher. Filling the obvious gap with this obvious but unused potential is a primary aim of the Young World Appeal.
