



# TIC TOC

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## FUNDS FROM PUBLIC, STAFF WILL EXPAND AN KHE HOSPITAL

A check for \$1,200, which includes staff contributions and honorariums received by Paul Kuntz and Bob Dwyer from speaking engagements, will be sent to Viet Nam to help Capt. Larry McKinstry expand his hospital at An Khe.

Forty staff members returned the ballots in the January TIC TOC and voted unanimously that remaining funds should be diverted from "Baby Bundles" to needed building materials. In a letter to Kuntz, McKinstry tells about his present activities at the hospital and his hopes for the future if he can raise about \$4,000 for building materials. The letter is reprinted on Page 3.

Color film provided by the First Air Cavalry Division, showing how some of the "Baby Bundles" are being used by Vietnamese mothers and children, will be seen on WTIC-TV at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27. At the conclusion of the filmed report, Kuntz will read a portion of McKinstry's letter and invite viewers to join the staff in helping to raise the \$2,800 still needed for the \$4,000 building fund.

Public support of the "Baby Bundle" campaign is also continuing. In mid-February, for example, the Young Republican Club of Salisbury, Conn. used the proceeds of a Valentine's Day dance to purchase "Baby Bundles." As of Feb. 10, Captain McKinstry had received 668 "Baby Bundles" and more are en route to the hospital.

## POWER INCREASE BRINGS WTIC-FM TO LISTENERS IN MANY NEW POINTS

The region served by WTIC-FM was increased by one-third Feb. 13 when the power was increased from the equivalent of 20,000 to the equivalent of 50,000 watts, the maximum permitted by the Federal Communications Commission.

The power increase brings WTIC-FM service to central Massachusetts, the entire state of Rhode Island, Brattleboro and other southern Vermont communities, southern New Hampshire, and Poughkeepsie, Peekskill and other towns in eastern New York.

In order to achieve the increased power, a new FM antenna has been installed at the WTIC TV-AM-FM transmitter site at Avon.

The new antenna will also mean "greatly improved reception in automobile FM radios," according to Harold A. Dorschug, WTIC TV-AM-FM director of engineering.

One of the nation's first FM stations, WTIC-FM went on the air for the first time on Feb. 5, 1940 as WIXSO. It has been broadcasting in stereophonic sound since 1962.

Today, WTIC-FM is on the air with its own programming from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week. A large portion of its programming schedule is devoted to classical music.

## 'ECUMENICAL' SUNRISE SERVICE TO BE HELD ON CONSTITUTION PLAZA

Constitution Plaza will be the setting for one of the first Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Services in the United States.

On Ash Wednesday, the Archdiocese of Hartford and the Greater Hartford Council of Churches announced that the major Christian faiths will join in an unprecedented Ecumenical observance on Easter Sunday.

VARIETY, NEW YORK TIMES LIKE  
WTIC RADIO, TV NEWS SENSE

While broadcast coverage of phases of the Viet Nam crisis was being criticized in some quarters, two prominent publications singled out WTIC TV and Radio for commendation.

Writing in The New York Times on Feb. 2, Radio-TV Editor Jack Gould rapped the commercial broadcasting industry for following "business as usual yesterday morning as the United Nations Security Council took up the proposal of the United States that consideration of the Vietnamese war be put on the Council agenda..."

"It was not until 4:30 p.m. that the Columbia Broadcasting System sent out the first network United Nations summary... But even this was not shown at the same hour over WCBS-TV (which) elected to stay with a rerun of the film, 'Annapolis Story.' WTIC-TV, the CBS station in Hartford, by contrast, pre-empted the first half-hour of its late afternoon movie."

On the same day, Variety took up the question of network radio stations neglecting to carry network news specials. The trade publication noted that Secretary of State Dean Rusk's first appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee received only routine newscast coverage on network radio in New York.

When NBC scheduled a 25-minute special report of highlights of the Rusk-Fulbright encounter, Variety reported that "WNBC Radio stayed with the Brad Crandall telephone show, while Hartford's WTIC pre-empted a half-hour of its 'Night Beat' opus to air the Senate hearing."

STELLAR ROLE SLATED  
FOR SMITH IN SPACE

ROBERT E. SMITH has purchased from the Children's Museum of Hartford a star in the constellation of Lyra, named in honor of Apollo, the God of Music. The deed for this star, presented by the museum, which is building a planetarium, says the owner must apply to the Interplanetary Commerce Commission for a permit before commencing any construction on his star. The deed also states that the premises shall remain tax-free until such a time as there is habitation of Space beyond the Planet Earth by earthly beings.

SUMMER STAFF MEMBER  
NAMED TO 'WHO'S WHO'

Dennis Perruccio, who has worked as a radio technician during the last several summer vacations at Broadcast House, has been nominated to 'Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities' by the faculty of the University of Hartford.

The selection is made on the basis of participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to the school and promise of future usefulness.

BOWE ON CIVITAN CIRCUIT

George Bowe is currently playing the Civitan Circuit, having been guest speaker at recent meetings of the Newington, West Hartford and New Britain Civitan Clubs.

To improve his presentation he says he is dickering with the old pros Kuntz and Dwyer to coach him. In his travels, George has heard excellent comments on the fine job Paul and Bob are doing in their many appearances before groups all over the area.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS ASSN.  
CITES STATIONS' SUPPORT

WTIC TV-AM-FM has been cited for the stations' support of the Children's Cystic Fibrosis Assn. of Connecticut during 1965.

Vice President and General Manager Patricelli accepted the citation on behalf of President Morency at the Association's Citation Dinner Feb. 21. The citation was presented by Secretary of State Ella Grasso, Association chairman.

LETTER FROM VIET NAM

Dear Paul,

I received your letter of January 31, 1966, today. Thank you for the TIC TQC. It was very nice and I will save it as a keepsake.

The main things I need now are cement, tin, lumber, and other building materials. I have had the engineers draw a plan for the ward. They also set a price on the building at \$4,000, which is buying on the local market here in An Khe at my discount through the District Chief. They can build the ward in two weeks after it is started provided all material for construction is at hand.

The ward building will contain 6 separate units - a male ward, a female ward, a pediatric ward, an isolation ward, each of which will hold about 15 patients for a total of 60 or more patients. The other 2 compartments would be for housing technicians and a second midwife, as now I have a school-trained midwife from Saigon due to the increase in An Khe's population. The technicians are to be trained by me to run the hospital in case we Americans ever leave An Khe. This is unlikely, however, in the near future.

I have received a total of 668 Baby Bundles. Women now come from many miles to have their babies here. I think this is because of the nice clothes the newborns get here.

If I can't get all the money for the ward at one time, I plan to build one portion at a time, thus completing at least a portion of the building as soon as possible. It is needed desperately.

Furniture for the ward will be donated by local merchants due to the good relationship I have maintained with the District Chief. He states he can't force them to give the building materials, as they are in such demand due to rapid purchase by the Division units. Everyone at the Division is building their own little house to keep from living in tents, which are so unbearably hot here.

I am starting two other programs even though I don't have proper facilities. They must be started. I am going to visit the schools in An Khe and teach a health class each week to the children. Also I intend to establish a school immunization program giving them proper vaccinations to prevent the dreaded diseases I have seen here - plague, cholera, smallpox, typhoid, diphtheria, etc.

The other program I hope to establish in the near future is a prenatal, postpartal, well baby clinic. The mothers here have no care until the time of delivery; hence, the death of mothers and babies are high in number during birth. I hope to alleviate this, which should be relatively simple once the program is started. The midwives can run the program efficiently.

Well, I must answer some replies to Baby Bundles, as I am behind in correspondence. Write soon.

Sincerely,

Larry T. McKinstry, M.D.

**SPRING WILL BE A BIT EARLY  
ON CONSTITUTION PLAZA IN '66**

Spring will be welcomed to Constitution Plaza at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, March 18--a little early this year.

The season officially arrives at a most inconvenient 8:53 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, so the more appropriate daylight time was chosen to turn on the Plaza fountain.

Arnold Dean's "Meet Me on the Plaza" will broadcast the season's greetings and a turning-on ceremony is being worked out by George Bowe.

The ceremony will also mark the return of "Meet Me on the Plaza" to the outdoors--if it doesn't snow. It did last year.

**TV DIRECTORS GET  
WELL-DESERVED RACK**

The Television Directors, Film Booking Department and Ranger Andy are pleased to announce that after eight years of patience and wrinkled coats they have been presented with a spanking new, institutional grey combination boot, bumbershoot and coat rack.

A formal open house will be held February 28, 1966 at 3:00 PM to christen the rack. All are welcome. Please bring your own hangers.

**MARDI GRAS CHAIRMAN**

Bil Dwyer served as co-chairman of the 1966 Mardi Gras Feb. 21 and 22 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Manchester. He is also vice president of the church's 50-50 Club.

**EDWARDS' DAUGHTERS HAVE  
GOOD REASONS TO DANCE**

Fred Edwards' daughter Marian, in her second year at Mount Holyoke, was choreographer of a special dance during the Snow Ball Weekend Feb. 18-20.

Daughter Carol, a senior in Manchester High, has received her first acceptance to college with notification from Connecticut Southern, her first choice. Still hopes to hear from Plymouth, N. H. State Teachers College, second choice. She wants to be a first grade teacher.

**FASHIONS OF TODAY,  
YESTERDAY IN BOOTH**

Travel clothing from the past and present-day travel fashions will be on display in the Constitution Plaza exhibition booth until Monday, March 7.

The booth, which housed a Christmas display during the Christmas Festival of Light, will be used for displays on a wide variety of topics during the year.

The travel fashion display comes from the Wadsworth Atheneum's collection of clothing from yesteryear and Lane Bryant's present-day fashions.

The booth is on the north end of the Plaza at the entrance to the Willow Court.

**BOWLERS DOING WELL  
IN TRAVELERS LEAGUE**

All three Broadcast House teams in the Travelers Men's Club Bowling League are enjoying good to excellent seasons.

Broadcast 3 leads the "D" League and Broadcast 2 is in third place in the same league. In six games between the two Broadcast House teams this season, Broadcast 2 leads 4 to 2.

Broadcast 1, the only WTIC entry in the "C" League, is in second place, still fighting for the lead.