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Letter from Taiwan

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have a much more healthy and conservative outlook on this modern manifestation of disordered sexuality.

The same material he adapted for lay readers in an Australian Catholic Truth Society pamphlet (No. 1534) entitled "What's Wrong With Abortion?" This has proved unexpectedly popular, with large sales in Australia and New Zealand. In each country it

is being used as the basis for approaches to members of parliament, to prevent abortion legislation from getting onto the statute books. In simplified terms the policy behind the approach to individual parliamentarians is that well-tried American motto "Give 'em hell!"

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Dear Dr. Egan,

I am sending a short report about the official opening of Tien Medical Center and a brief resume of the first six months of its operating, beginning with March the 19th, 1968. I also have included some historical notes on the development of this hospital and at the end a plan for the future.

We are particularly interested in an appeal to the members of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds for medical personnel who would be willing to give us some months or years of their service, particularly in the fields of pediatrics and pathology. Secondly, we are in dire need of financial help due to a large debt of nearly \$200,000 U.S. dollars which still remains to be paid on the building and equipment.

May I ask also for more information on suicide prevention centers such as the one described briefly in the letter from Korea, Page 284, in your August 1967 issue.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Bartley F. Schmitz, SVD
Administrator

REPORT

PLANNING: Was begun in 1960 at the insistence of Thomas Cardinal Tien, and carried out by his secretary, Fr. Bartley F. Schmitz, SVD, and Sr. M. Rigoberta, SDS, who directed the work of three Chinese and two German architects.

FINANCING: German foreign aid, channelled through ZENTRALSTELLE FÜR ENTWICKLUNGSHILFE and MISEREOR, organizations of the Catholic Bishops of Germany, accounted for ¾ of the original budget (2/3 of the final cost.) The rest came from private sources in Taiwan, Europe and the Americas. Total cost about N.T. \$56,000,000! (N.T. 40 = 1 U.S. \$)

PURPOSE: To provide medical care at low cost for the lower classes and the poor. We do not have facilities to care for TB, terminal cases and of course, contagious diseases. In short, a general hospital for the poor, specializing in Pediatrics.

STATISTICS: Doctors in residence - 7, Attending doctors - 25, Consultants - 50, Nurses - 29, Aides - 12, Office and other workers - 66, Technicians - 7, Sisters - 12, Priests - 2, Total: 206.

Beds: 167, divided equally into three classes.

Departments: Surgical, Medical, Maternity, Outpatient Pediatrics and Emergency. Outpatient: ENT, Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Orthopedics, OB-Gyn and Dentistry. Services: Laboratory, X-ray, Physiotherapy.

HISTORY: Groundbreaking March 14, 1965. Construction began Dec. 1965, completed early 1967. Cornerstone laying June 9, 1966. Opening for service to patients March 19, 1968.

In the past six months, (to the end of September) there were 472 inpatients, 7,367 outpatients, 114 operations (no infections), 66 births and 18 deaths.