

"American" is AMA's first name, but its interests and activities are by no means limited to these shores.

During the past year, for example, 229 foreign guests from 47 nations visited the headquarters of the American Medical Association.

AMA is the largest of 29 national medical groups that organized the World Medical Association in 1947, now representing more than 700,000 physicians in 59 national associations. A member of the WMA governing Council, AMA has played an important role in such projects as the International Code of Medical Ethics, the Declaration of Helsinki (ethical principles for clinical research), and the Declaration of Sydney (organ transplants).

In cooperation with the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID), AMA organized and administers the American Project of Assistance to Medical Education in Vietnam, bringing together departments of the University of Saigon's Faculty of Medicine and counterparts in U. S. medical schools, now including Emory University and the Universities of Louisville, Nebraska, Washington, Missouri, Georgetown and Oklahoma. American professors help Saigon's teaching program and Vietnamese faculty and graduates are selected for advanced training and observation of educational methods here.

In three years of the Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam Program, more than 500 U. S. physicians have contributed more than 80 man-years of voluntary medical service to South Vietnam's civilian population. Also done in cooperation with AID, the program has attracted U. S. physicians from 49 states, the District of Columbia, Canal Zone and seven overseas locations.

Through AMA's "Doctor-to-Doctor" program, 1,747 American physicians now are corresponding with 2,424 overseas colleagues, sending them medical journals and exchanging information and knowledge.

Readers in 139 foreign countries subscribe for 32,000 copies of the *Journal of the AMA*, the 10 specialty journals, *The AMA News* or *Today's Health*. Another 3,000 copies are sent free to 117 countries. A bimonthly *International Health Bulletin* goes to 2,000 readers here and abroad.

A Spanish edition of AMA's *Current Medical Terminology (CMT)* is being prepared through a Barcelona publisher. *CMT* is a reference book for selecting preferred medical terms, including certain synonyms and generic terms, to provide maximum convenience in usage and publication. AMA is working to make *CMT* the international language of medicine.

AMA also—

... has filled more than 300 requests from around the world for free medical textbooks through its Medical Missionary Program;

... has named 22 AMA representatives to foreign national medical meetings or international congresses during the past year;

... and maintains liaison with 90 per cent of the 73 volunteer foreign aid agencies recognized by AID.

The fourth AMA Conference on International Health is being planned for the latter part of 1969.

