



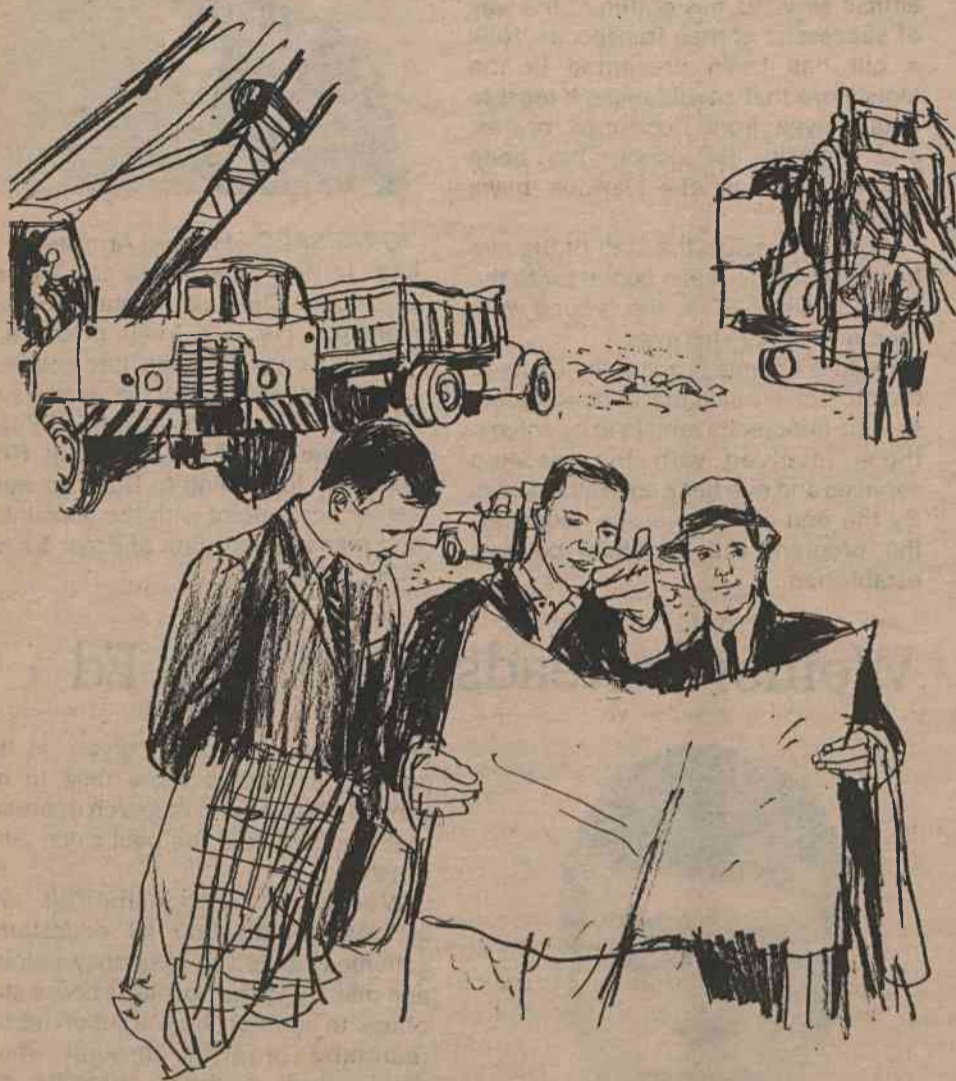
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## Hospital Building Delayed

High interest rates being charged on borrowed money has resulted in a temporary delay in the start of actual construction of Duke Hospital North.

However, planning and design phases of the \$91 million hospital project are continuing on their normal schedule.

Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs, discussed the hospital project with the University Board of Trustees at a meeting here last weekend.

The university has decided to delay sale of construction bonds for the hospital until interest rates drop to what Anlyan called a "feasible level."

Original plans called for groundbreaking next spring and occupancy of the new hospital late in 1978. Actual groundbreaking and start of construction now will hinge upon a drop in the interest rate Duke must pay to borrow money through the sale of construction bonds.

Meanwhile, Wallace E. Jarboe, director of the Hospital Project Management Office, said planning phases of the hospital project can continue on their normal schedule despite the construction delay.

The Board of Trustees has endorsed

the continuation of regularly scheduled planning.

Jarboe said his office is in the "schematic planning stage," in which floor-by-floor designs are being developed.

Beginning next week, he said, architects and consultants will begin meeting with individual departmental groups to decide on details of floor layout and design and the physical relationships of departmental activities in Duke Hospital North.



JOHN D. SHYTLE

## Duke Surgeon Cites Problems, Progress

# Reed Works for Bengali Eye Care

The People's Republic of Bangladesh, founded on the ashes of recent history's bloodiest civil war, is a new country with many old, old problems.

A low-lying riverine land with one of the world's highest population densities, the "Bengal Nation" crowds the equivalent of one third of the

number of people in the U.S. into a piece of land roughly the size of Wisconsin.

Poverty is widespread, and only a few meals stand between most of its 75 million citizens and starvation. Devastating floods and cyclones are commonplace. In 1970, 200,000 Bengalis perished in a violent storm

and its accompanying tidal wave. That's almost as many people as live in Durham and Raleigh combined.

Along with all of its other problems, the fledgling nation has only just begun to fight for the health care needs of its people. A young Duke eye surgeon has been helping in the effort.

Dr. John Reed, assistant professor of ophthalmology, spent several weeks in Bangladesh during the summer working with the International Eye Foundation and Bengali physicians to initiate a self-sustaining corneal transplantation training program and an eye and tissue preservation unit.

Reed, a 1962 graduate of Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, was well qualified to aid the Bangladesh project. Currently, he is director of the Eye Center's corneal service here, and from 1969-70, he served as director of the Eye Bank at St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel.

Although the I.E.F. sponsored his trip as part of its long range goal of preventing and curing blindness worldwide, Reed volunteered his time and expertise in corneal transplantation without charge.

"The poverty is what impresses you when you first arrive, and the very striking mass of humanity," Reed recalled. "At this time, it's difficult to see how the Bengalis are going to overcome their problems in health care and other areas."

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## Shytle Named Med Center VP

John D. Shytle, a former controller of the Veterans Administration in Washington, has been named an assistant vice president for health affairs.

He will be responsible for medical center administration and will report to Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs.

Shytle was controller of the VA from 1963 until 1972. From 1972 until his appointment at Duke he was director of the VA Hospital in Richmond.

A native of Shelby, Shytle, 56, was a cost accountant at Dover Mills in Shelby prior to World War II. During the war he served as a captain with the 14th Air Force in China, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Following the war he joined the Veterans Administration, leaving for two years to serve as a senior cost analyst for U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh.

Shytle rejoined the VA in 1949, serving consecutively in the Budget Service, Department of Veterans Benefits and the Department of Medicine and Surgery. In 1961 he was named Budget Officer of the VA, holding that position until being named controller.

Shytle holds a B.S. degree in business administration and M.S. degree in management from George Washington University.



**EAST MEETS WEST**—Dr. John Reed, assistant professor of ophthalmology and director of the Eye Center's corneal service, examines a Bengali woman with cataracts at the Islamia Eye Hospital in Dacca, Bangladesh. Reed spent several weeks in the Asian country this summer helping local surgeons and the International Eye Foundation establish an eye bank and corneal tissue preservation unit.