

MISS MARGUERITE Appel instructs Miss Bui Kim Nhiem, a secondary teacher in business education. Ohio University Photos

'Hue Out West'

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ATHENS, O.—The overseas educational missions of Ohio University are directed by a Center for International Programs. The director is Dr. Milton Ploghoff, a College of Education professor formerly stationed in Nigeria.

Development of such an all-out international program, shaped from the hills of remote southeastern Ohio, is an extension of Ohio University's original mission—to bring education into the Northwest Territory in 1787. Ohio University was the first college west of the Allegheny Mountains.

To university President Vernon R. Alden, educational responsibility extends beyond the geographical limits imposed by mountains, oceans or jungles. Alden is a quiet, effective person who prides himself on getting things done. He became president at 38 in January,



DR. DORIS McGINTY, William Sell, and an American soldier assemble a sewing machine.

1962. He has put his international education theory into practice with full force.

HE HAS received help: More than \$4 million in grants from AID.

With prospering international programs at Hue and



Dr. Milton Ploghoff

Saigon in Viet Nam, and at Kano and Ibadan, in Northern and Western Nigeria. Ohio University has one of the most effective programs in the country.

Gen. Maxwell Taylor, John W. Gardner, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and former Commissioner of Education Francis Keppell have praised the Ohio University overseas missions.

The university's international program is solely of an educational nature. Most of the instructors are from Ohio University's College of Education. Most spend two or three years on the Ohio University campus before assignment to an overseas project.

Alden and Ploghoff intend to strengthen and enlarge both missions as rapidly as possible.

Ohio University's highly respected College of Education has, in the course of six years, been transformed into a world-wide task force.

AS DR. THOMAS Smith, vice president for academic affairs, says, kiddingly:

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"Our mission goes way, Hue out west."

Dr. Ploghoft, interviewed here, was asked if the Ohio University operation is, had been or could be a cover for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

He replied:

"All right, let's face it. Michigan State had a good criminology department and got involved in the rough stuff. We teach T-E-A-C-H. None of our people could do CIA work. A home economics teacher doesn't know about lady spy games, right?"

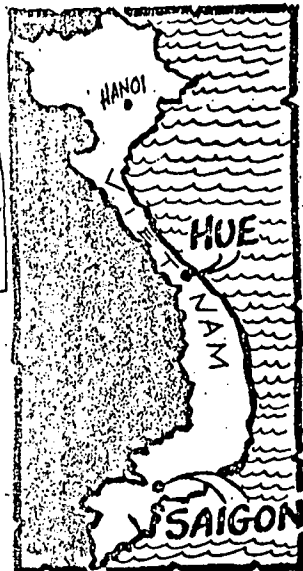
(Recently it became public knowledge that Michigan State University, with an AID contract for police training in Viet Nam in the late 1950s, was used as a cover operation by the CIA at a time when the United States was supposed to be neutral under the Geneva agreements.)

Ploghoft does most of the detailed planning for the international programs. He also gets most of the splitting headaches. He returned from a Viet Nam inspection, early in June.

"HUE IS IN the headlines all the time. Riots, demonstrations and you wonder is this guy alright and is this guy," Dr. Ploghoft went on.

"Then Nigeria. Suddenly there's a riot there. There's a nasty situation in Kano and people are killed within a few blocks of our mission."

"This is a tremendously moving, a tremendously pulsating and alive project," he says. "Of course I worry."



BRANCHES of Ohio University are at Saigon and Hue.

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