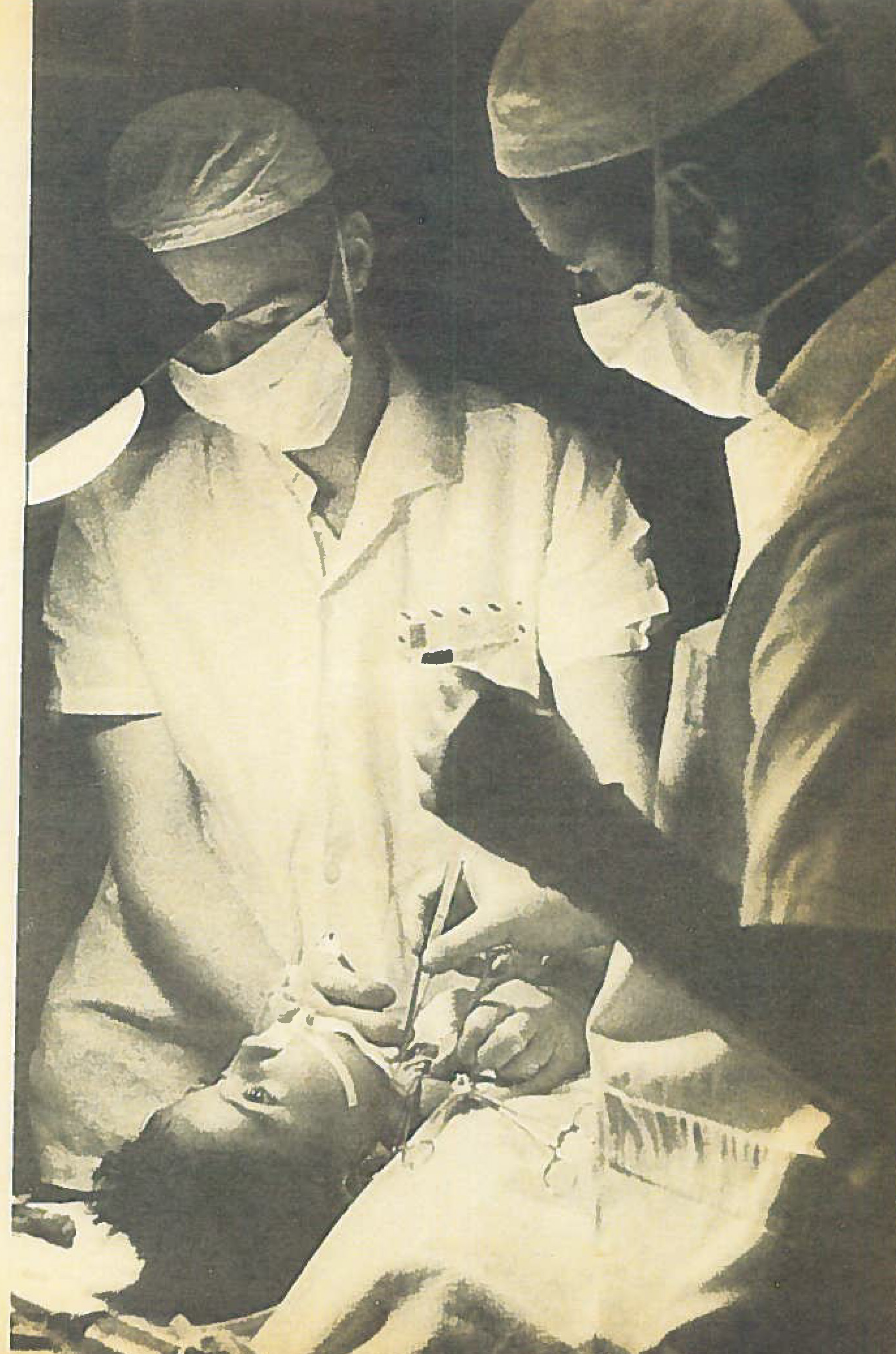




In Haiti, Dr. Charles Stringfellow studies Creole, the native dialect. An emergency tracheotomy in Brazil gets an assist from Fellow Andrew Nichols.

THERE IS NO way of getting an accurate count of the total number of American medical personnel who are giving and have given voluntary service overseas. The Catholic Mission Medical Board which accepts requests from Catholic mission clinics and hospitals fills about fifty requests a year. CMMB has placed about two hundred and fifty since it began its program.

Protestant mission groups account for many doctors overseas. Some doctors go on their own, using vacation time to help the needy. There are other programs, such as that of Dr. J. C. Leshock, of East Lansing, Mich., who recruits doctors for hospitals in Guatemala. Most of these doctors go at their own expense and pay their own living costs, plus leaving behind a developed practice.



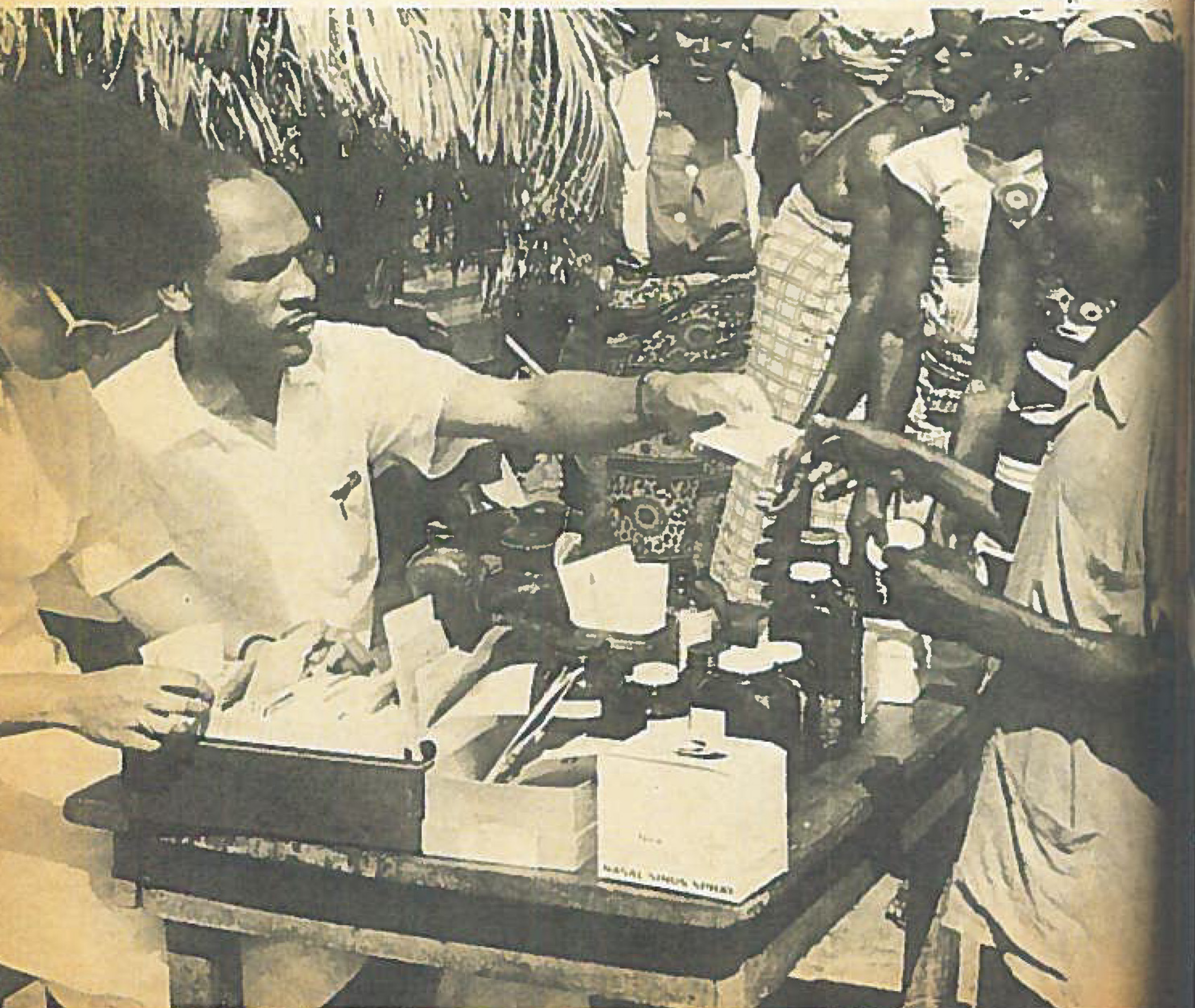
One very interesting project is the foreign fellowships offered to senior medical students by Smith, Kline & French Laboratories, a Philadelphia pharmaceutical firm. The company has awarded approximately two hundred and fifty fellowships in fifty countries since the program began eight years ago.

The primary purpose is to provide the medical students with the opportunity to benefit from unusual clinical experiences and familiarize

themselves with medical, cultural and social problems different from their own. The students are assigned to mission hospitals and outpost facilities and must agree to spend at least ten weeks with their foreign sponsor. The hospitals in turn are anxious to get representatives of American medical education.

Thus in many ways the American medical profession is showing a true concern for all humanity and more Americans should know about it. ■

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