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May Their Blood Not Be Upon Us.

Pilate condemned Jesus to death unjustly. To save face: "Pilate. . . taking water washed his hands before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just man; look you to it. . . And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and our children."

Draw Your Own Conclusions.

The average casualty in Korea requires six pints of blood. 10,000 pints of blood are used daily. . . There is a blood shortage in Korea--many of our American boys have died because of this shortage. Actually there is no shortage of blood in this country--just a shortage of blood donors.

For this reason the American Red Cross Armed Forces Blood Bank will visit Notre Dame within the near future. Arrangements must be made to estimate the number of volunteers. That is why canvassers will knock on your door.

1200 schools have already responded by holding blood drives on their campuses. It has worked so successfully among students of draft age that the drives have been set up on a competitive basis. It's a "bloody" sport but one that fits in with the American competitive spirit.

Texas has the biggest of everything--so they claim. The University of Texas ranks first in volume of blood donated: 2810 pints. But the University of Idaho is first on the percentage basis: 33% of its students and faculty contributed. . .What about Notre Dame blood!

Nothing To Fear.

Dr. L. H. Baldinger, Dean of the College of Science, says: "In the leisure and comfort of our lives we can regenerate our blood in volume much more easily than those on the battlefields or in training campus." He added that after donating a pint of blood, the blood volume in the body replenishes itself in 48 hours. To those who are qualified to give there is no danger and no harmful after-effects.

Starting tonight each student will be personally contacted and asked to sign a pledge. Those between 18 and 59 are eligible; those between 18 and 21 will be given a slip for their parents or guardians to sign granting the permission.

Before your blood will be accepted you will have to fill out a medical report; your pulse, heart, blood pressure, blood type and blood count are taken. These tests are precautionary and if unsatisfactory they disqualify you. The entire painless, harmless process takes about thirty minutes.

Wounded vets will tell you that blood transfusions saved their lives. Comments from some students on campus who will soon be doing their stretch in the service have been along this line: "I'm giving mine. There's no telling when I'll need that blood myself."

If you are underage send this Bulletin home with your request for parental permission. Although you are minors in the eyes of the law, you are adult in your capacity to understand why you will be asked to give blood. There is no reason why Notre Dame's average will not go beyond the estimated 1000 pints. Make it 3000. You've given transfusions to mosquitoes--well, this transfusion won't even itch. What if it does. The life you save may be your own.

Prayers: Critically ill, mother of Jim Elson, ex-'53; Ill, John Schaeffer. Deceased Mrs. Michael Snider, Mrs. Johanna Stauder, Mr. Baker. 3 urgent special intentions.