

Nobody hates war more than a soldier.

In 1956, Look magazine named Thomas Dooley as one of the year's ten most outstanding men. Just under thirty years of age at the time.

He was a soldier and he had experienced the brotherhood and camaraderie among soldiers and he had witnessed those emaciated Vietnamese refugees, who didn't have enough food to eat so when the forces surged southward, since he was a physician, he was assigned to a tranquil naval hospital in Japan.

He volunteered for duty on a navy ship to transport the refugees to sanctuary in Saigon and the curtain was beginning to ascend on Dooley's real career.

When he was in the war zone, he became cognizant of the malnutrition disease that afflicted the natives. He even put himself in danger to comfort the poor Vietnamese before that besieged city fell to the powerful Viet Minh forces. He was seemingly unconcerned by the many privations he had to endure. He went there to help but Americans were looked as sinister.

But the ubiquitous Thomas turned up in the remote villages of Vietnam, attempting to thwart his traditional enemies, dirt, ignorance, and hoping to quell the spread of communism. He worked tirelessly for years. After a lot of hard work, he found out the pain in his chest and back was a harbinger of a malignant cancer. From August, in 1959 until his death in January 1961 Dooley suffered almost continuous, excruciating pain knowing that he didn't have time to live. Dr. Dooley worked without a respite on behalf of the MEDICO, the organization he had founded to bring hope and aid to the world's sick and needy.

The lines of Robert Frost kept reverberating in his mind during those fretful days. "The woods are lovely, dark and deep/ but I have promises to keep/ and miles to go before I sleep" when he finally succumbed, millions of people throughout the world were stunned and grief-stricken by the tragedy. It's never been about how long you live, it's never been about it.

Even though he seemed like a hero that everybody admired and idolized, it was revealed that he was a key agent of CIA in the first disinformation campaign of the Vietnam War.