

Worked with yellow fever

Dr. Fred Soper dies at 83

WICHITA, Kan. (UPI) — Dr. Fred L. Soper, 83, who performed revolutionary work in control of yellow fever in South America in the 1930s, died Thursday.

Soper, director emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization and a native of Hutchinson, Kan., joined the staff of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1920 and soon afterward left for Brazil, where except for three years in Paraguay, he lived and worked until 1942.

During his 10 years as the foundation's regional director for South America, he headed a group of public health workers in the investigation and control of yellow fever.

In 1942, Soper was appointed a civilian member of the United States of America Typhus Commission in Egypt. He moved on to Algeria and Naples in

the 1940s to start work to control a rapidly spreading typhus epidemic.

In 1947, Soper was elected director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which later became the Pan American Health Organization. He held the position until 1949.

He is survived by three brothers, Dr. H. Vern Soper of Los Angeles, Dr. Gail R. Soper of Evanston, Ill., and John Soper of Hutchinson and a sister, Mrs. John W. Lonnberg of Wichita.

Hurt in crash

Linda Marie Martinez, 767 Choctaw, was treated at St. John's hospital for facial cuts and a wrist scratch and released Thursday after a 2:40 pm accident at 13th and Park, police said. Her car and one driven by Jo Ellen Wilson, 1433 Winona, collided.