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Reporting 'round the Globe

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Dora Jane Hamblin, an Iowan who has circled the globe reporting for Life magazine and the American Red Cross, will be in Ames March 5, as guest speaker for the annual Journalism Day.

Miss Hamblin, whose home town is Bedford, Iowa, will share her experiences from 7 years abroad with the Journalism Day audience when she speaks in The Gallery, Memorial Union. Sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, professional fraternity for women in journalism, Journalism Day has been planned for students and faculty in the Home Economics and Science Divisions and Department of Technical Journalism, but the talk and coffee hour following are open to the public.

Joined Red Cross

The reporting career of Miss Hamblin began at the Gazette in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she worked for 2 years. In the midst of the war she joined the Red Cross and sailed for the Pacific as a doughnut girl, but soon was transferred to public relations as a reporter and photographer. Miss Hamblin was stationed in New Guinea, the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan and China during those 2 years. After a summer at home in 1946 she was off again, this time bound for Europe with the Red Cross. Stationed in Germany, assignments took her to Britain, France, Belgium and Austria. A year later she was back at the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Reports for "Life"

"We point triumphantly to a new Life article, 'That's my phrase,'" Miss Hamblin comments on her job as a reporter for Life magazine, the job which she has held since leaving the Red Cross in 1948. After a year and a half on Life’s New York staff, she was transferred to the Paris Bureau for 2 years, then to the London Bureau for 2 years. Some of the stories she gathered material for are the disorder in Belgium in 1951, which resulted in the abdication of Leopold; the Life essay on Communism in 1951; the Swiss avalanche disaster in 1951; the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1952; the Olympic games in Finland in 1952 and the British-Dutch floods of 1953, besides two or three Paris fashion openings.

She has been back in the Midwest a year now, but still feels like a foreigner, she says. As a member of the Life Chicago Bureau, her work has included gathering material for such recent Life articles as the ones on Oppenheimer, McCarthy and the World Council of Churches. Her very latest by-line appeared on the interview of an Iowa farmer in the January 3, 1955, special food issue of Life.

Miss Hamblin’s background undoubtedly gave her the interest and aptitude she has in journalism. Her father, Allen W. Hamblin, edits and publishes the Bedford weekly, The Times Press. After high school, Miss Hamblin studied journalism at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and received her bachelor's degree in 1941. The following year she earned her master's degree at Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., with the help of a scholarship from her social sorority, Delta Delta Delta.