

# Brings Medical Aid to Afghans

Michael L. McCray, a 34-year old member of the Ohio Society's Western Reserve Society, Cleveland, through his personal efforts has succeeded in providing much needed medical help for the freedom fighters in Afghanistan. This has included two trips to the battle areas.

Compatriot McCray, a professional medical photographer, first visited there in 1985. He entered with guides after making arrangements in Pakistan and visited a guerilla position near a Soviet garrison. Under fire briefly, he left medical supplies and shot photos of the country and its people. He returned this past year and brought sufficient medical equipment and supplies to set up a forward dressing station in a mountain tunnel. He named it the "City of Cleveland Clinic" and brought back a letter of appreciation to Cleveland's Mayor.

Compatriot McCray is now employed as a photographer in a Long Island Hospital, which has treated Afghan wounded rebels brought there for treatment. The U.S. Government will provide air transportation for the wounded to hospitals if the latter will provide space and medical attention. Several hundred have been brought to our coun-



Compatriot McCray (left foreground) joins hands with Mujahideen Guerilla Commander Sabras Khan at Asmar in the Kumar Valley of Afghanistan.

try under a program authorized by Congress with a \$10-million appropriation. Those wishing to support the program should contact: The Committee for a Free Afghanistan, c/o Mary Spencer, 1214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20602.