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## **Dr. Taussig Made U.S. Heart Unit Head**

Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 19 (AP)—Dr. Helen B. Taussig, pioneer in "blue baby" surgery, was installed today as first woman president of the American Heart Association.

Dr. Taussig and the late Dr Alfred Blalock in 1944 developed the blue baby operation, which relieves a combination of heart defects and has been instrumental in saving many lives.

The Johns Hopkins University professor - emeritus also was among the first to call American physicians' attention to the birth-defect dangers of thalidomide, a tranquilizer.

In 1964 Dr. Taussig was awarded the Medal of Freedom, highest civilian decoration the nation bestows in peacetime.

She is a native of Cambridge, Mass., and a founder of the Maryland Heart Association.

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