

## A GLANCE THROUGH THE REVIEWS

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The United Nations and its agencies paid many tributes to the humanitarian work of the International Red Cross during its Centenary Year. Now it is the turn of the Red Cross to show to what extent it will cooperate in joint ventures for the benefit of mankind. It is obvious that no such decision can be made without an understanding of who our partners will be. These are facts which this issue of the Red Cross World has set out to provide. At the same time it gives the League the opportunity to make a tangible gesture of thanks to the United Nations family for the collaboration it has extended throughout its existence to the Red Cross movement and opens with the following article by U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations:

“At the outset of its second century, Red Cross continues to strengthen its broad principles of humanitarian aid around the world. The International Red Cross is increasingly co-operating with the United Nations. Historically the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, both of which as non-governmental organizations enjoy consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, have given active support to the United Nations and collaborated in joint programmes with it and with the specialized agencies. For example, the League of Red Cross Societies has worked with refugees in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner, initiated training and feeding in the Congo jointly with Unicef and WHO, carried out rehabilitation for the Meknes victims of cresyl oil poisoning in Morocco in co-operation with WHO, collaborated with Unesco in the education of youth and has active relationships with FAO and ILO.

Red Cross has a long tradition in giving and co-ordinating aid for the relief of victims of national disasters and of civil disorders. It has also long shared its professional techniques through the loan of experts, provision of study visits to other countries, through the exchange of texts and films, and through regional and specialized seminars. The United Nations has taken note that these actions have been formalized by a unanimous vote of the 102 Societies in adopting a Red Cross development programme.

This programme is an example of international co-operation in a practical form. I hope that during 1965 which has been declared International Co-operation Year even closer ties will be developed between the Red Cross and the United Nations family. The past has shown us that Red Cross was born through international co-operation and its growing solidarity and universality constitute one of the great hopes of all mankind.”