

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Yemen**

The medical team installed at Amara in North Yemen worked at high pressure throughout May. Consultations averaged more than a hundred daily. The same sicknesses (amoeba, bilharzia, typhoid, scurvy, avitaminosis, etc. . . .) are repeatedly mentioned in each of the doctor-delegates' reports. An epidemic of malaria has been reported in the Amara area where it broke out after the rainy season in April, rainfall being exceptionally heavy this year. Dr. Pietro Duchini, doctor-delegate of the ICRC, had amongst other things to perform minor surgical operations, whose numbers were considerably increased as a result of military action. In the aid post set up by extremely rudimentary means he treated wounds of a more or less serious character caused by fire-arms, often complicated by open fractures, and carried out a large number of extractions of shrapnel. In spite of very insufficient conditions of asepsis, no septic complications took place in four months of daily surgical work.

On June 13, an aircraft left Geneva for Jeddah carrying emergency medical supplies for the medical teams working in the Yemen of a value of 20,000 Sw.frs, drawn on the ICRC's relief funds.

**Vietnam**

The South Vietnam authorities have released a number of seriously wounded or sick prisoners of war, selected in co-operation with an ICRC doctor delegate who had visited them in the hospitals where they were undergoing treatment.

Forty-one of these released prisoners desired to return to North Vietnam; on June 12 they crossed the demarkation line on the Hien Luong bridge over the Ben Hai river separating the two

Vietnams. Included in the group was a woman with her baby who was born in captivity.

### South Africa

Mr. G. C. Senn, ICRC delegate, who undertook a new mission in South Africa from the beginning of April to the end of May, visited several detention centres where he interviewed prisoners of his own choosing without witnesses. He visited the prisons of Robben Island, Victor Verster, Roaland, Belleville, Pretoria, Koelenhof, Bien Donné and De Doorns. The government authorities granted him every facility to accomplish his mission. His reports will be sent to the authorities concerned.

### Rhodesia

At the beginning of June Mr. G. C. Senn visited the Gonakudzingwa camp, recently renamed Sengwe, on the Rhodesian border. He will now go to Malawi to visit Burundi detainees on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, some 60 miles from Bujumbura.

### Greece

On June 14 an aeroplane left Geneva with five cwt of medical supplies worth more than 10,000 Sw.frs. and paid for from ICRC relief funds. These essential pharmaceutical products, antibiotics, vitamins, sedatives, etc., are intended for political prisoners interned following the recent events in Greece.

The ICRC has sent by sea, clothing, under-clothing and footwear, particularly for women detained for the same reasons.

### Hungary

The International Committee has sent a new mission to Hungary, in pursuance of its activity as an intermediary for the remittance of financial assistance which the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany offers to victims of pseudo-medical experiments which were carried out in concentration camps under the National Socialist regime.

Mr. J.-P. Maunoir, delegate and Dr. Zust, doctor delegate, accompanied by Miss L. Simonius, were in Budapest from June 10 to 19, 1967, to examine a further group of victims. They also consulted the Hungarian Red Cross Society's medical advisers who had prepared the file for each claimant.

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### *IN GENEVA*

#### **At the Central Tracing Agency**

Two brothers, Claudio and Antonio V., living in the USSR, wrote the Central Tracing Agency on February 26, 1967, asking it to trace their two sisters, Trinidad and Gloria V. who had been evacuated to France during the Spanish Civil War, when they themselves were taken to the U.S.S.R.

They recalled that at that time they had lived in Bilbao and that their father had been a house-painter. They hoped with this scant information to find at least one member of their family.

The Agency contacted the Spanish Red Cross in Madrid. After various enquiries the fact was established that Trinidad and Gloria V. had been repatriated. Both now live in Bilbao; Trinidad is married and has two children. Enquiries also revealed another brother, Luis Alberto V., at present the father of a family. Their father, formerly a widower, now has two more children from a second marriage.

This information was conveyed to the Alliance of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Moscow and after being separated for thirty years the family was able to renew the ties which events had severed.

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