

## MISCELLANEOUS

*Article 25.* From the day this Act becomes operative, the following shall no longer be valid:

1. the provisions of article 6 of the Yugoslav Red Cross Act (" Službeni List FRNJ ", No. 59/46 and " Službeni List SFRJ " No. 17/64);
2. the decree relative to the issuance of certificates of civilian status for hospitals in time of war and for civilians employed in such hospitals (" Službeni List FRNJ ", No. 7/55);
3. the regulation on special health service transport (" Službeni List FRNJ ", Nos. 6/59 and 32/59).

*Article 26.* This Act shall come into force on the eighth day following its publication in the " Official Gazette of the Yugoslav Federal Socialist Republic ".

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## THE PRINCIPLES AND HISTORY OF NURSING CARE

The lack of nurses is everywhere prevalent. The tasks devolving on them become increasingly difficult and their responsibilities ever heavier. It is therefore essential to make efforts to have the present requirements for the training of nurses made known and also to recall that this profession takes its dignity from a long tradition and that some of its principles give it, to a certain extent, a moral protection in a period of rapid change. We therefore think it useful to mention some of the recent efforts which have been made in that direction.

The League of Red Cross Societies has prepared two series of colour slides, the first of which depicts the *Life of Florence Nightingale*. These thirty illustrations are accompanied by a commentary based on a number of biographies of the " Lady of the Lamp ", concluding with a reminder of what is the Florence Nightingale Medal.

The second series deals with the *History of Nursing* from ancient times to the end of the XIXth Century. The documents carefully chosen after long research in museums and archives of many countries depict the development of the treatment of the sick and wounded, also famous hospital sites. They evoke personalities of the medical world whose rôle was decisive, ranging from Hippocrates to Elizabeth Fry and from Ambroise Paré to Louis Pasteur.

For its part, the International Council of Nurses in Geneva has recently produced two pamphlets. The first of these contains the text of the *Code of Ethics* adopted by the ICN in 1953 and revised at Frankfurt in 1965. The *International Review* has already pointed out its novelty and importance for our movement, containing as it does the following passage: " It is important that all nurses be aware of the Red Cross Principles and of their rights and obligations under the Geneva Conventions of 1949 ".

In another publication, the International Council of Nurses has summarized the *Basic Principles of Nursing Care*. Miss Virginia Henderson has undertaken this work which is an excellent analysis of the factors comprising the basis of nursing care.

The ICN has duly realized that whilst specialities in medicine require certain appropriate techniques in the medical and surgical field, the basic principles of nursing care of the sick remain none the less the same and the ICN has therefore considered it worthwhile to define them in a manner which is valid for all.

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## A EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTRE

The eighteen member countries of the Council of Europe have decided to have a European Youth Centre built. Its aim will be:

- to associate youth in European co-operation;
- to provide as effective a training as possible in European-oriented youth movement leadership.