

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Nigeria**

As mentioned in the last number of the *International Review*, the ICRC has undertaken an action of importance in Nigeria where troubles had broken out. In July 1967, its delegate-general for Africa, Mr. Georg Hoffmann, on going to Lagos observed the urgent need of humanitarian aid for that country. On his indications the International Committee sent two medical teams to the spot to give assistance to the victims of the conflict. They were placed at the ICRC's disposal by the Swiss Red Cross, thanks in particular to a donation from the Swiss Government.

The ICRC surgical team, installed in the hospital at Makurdi, is continuing its work in co-operation with that establishment's medical personnel. It consists at present of a doctor, an assistant and two male nurses.

Another medical team, also recruited by the Swiss Red Cross and comprising a doctor and a male nurse, has been sent to the eastern part of the country.

The ICRC delegates have noted that there are considerable medical requirements in Nigeria. In order to deal with the most urgent needs, the ICRC sent out, by air, a first consignment of bandages, medicines, antibiotics and surgical instruments of a total value of about 30,000 Swiss francs. However, because of the shortage of medicines and medical equipment on the spot, this first lot was followed by a considerable quantity of emergency relief.

The medical requirements mentioned on both sides by the ICRC doctors have in fact led the Committee, as a first emergency measure, immediately to open a further credit amount of 50,000 francs for the despatch of medicines and surgical instruments.

Medicines for the local Red Cross Branch of East Nigeria (Biafra) sent by the ICRC to Douala (Cameroun) were accompanied

by road to the frontier by a delegate of the ICRC and handed over to an Army representative who had come from the Enugu region to take delivery.

## Greece

The delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Greece, consisting of Mr. Germain Colladon and Dr. Jean-Louis de Chastonay, medical expert, received permission from the competent authorities again to visit all places of detention for political suspects.

The two delegates have thus been able to make a third round of visits to internees since May 9, 1967.

During his visits to political internees in Greece, Dr. de Chastonay dealt above all with the medical care of the detainees.

On the conclusion of the visits made by the ICRC delegates to detention camps, the Greek Government agreed to have certain arrangements made to improve conditions for persons interned for political reasons, notably on the island of Yaros. These arrangements include the sending of a medical commission to the spot and the immediate evacuation of the sick requiring special treatment.

Relief sent to Greece by the ICRC for political detainees was as follows: medicines to a value of 10,000 Swiss francs and standard clothing and food parcels whose total value can be estimated to be more than 200,000 Swiss francs.

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