

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Cambodia**

The General Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Asia, Mr. André Durand, went on mission to Cambodia from March 8 to the beginning of April 1965.

At Phnôm-Penh he was received by Princess Norodom Rasmi Sobhana, President of the Cambodian Red Cross and by its directors. He was also received by Prince Norodom Kantol, Prime Minister, as well as by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. He discussed with them in particular the aid which the ICRC had been asked to bring to the victims of the frontier dispute between Cambodia and the Republic of Viet Nam.

Mr. Durand, on the other hand, handed to the delegation of the National Liberation Front of South Viet Nam (NLF) a request for information concerning American prisoners and missing. He expressed the wish that mail and parcels for the latter be facilitated.

We would recall that the ICRC's action is not restricted to interventions on behalf of prisoners in the hands of the NLF, but also includes the protection of prisoners and political detainees in the hands of the Saigon authorities.

Mr. Durand and Dr. Jürg Baer, doctor-delegate of the ICRC, also studied the possibility in Phnôm-Penh of acting on behalf of the victims of events in North Laos.

**Malaysia**

The Indonesian Red Cross has informed the International Committee, in Geneva, that it has prepared parcels and family mail for Indonesians held in Malaysia. These consignments will be despatched through the intermediary of the ICRC delegation in Bangkok.

The Indonesian Red Cross has so far received 305 messages from Indonesian detainees for their families.

YEMEN

AT THE ICRC HOSPITAL, UQHD



A surgical operation



**Geneva:** Training course organised by the ICRC

Photos Jean Zbi



## Congo

The delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross on March 30 last, visited N'Dolo prison at Leopoldville where 63 civilians who had taken part in the rebellion and 24 Angolese of whom 4 are civilians are interned, in addition to a group of military. The delegates made certain representations with a view to improving conditions for the detainees, especially as regards nourishment.

## Yemen

At the end of March, two delegates of the ICRC, of whom one was a doctor, visited prisoners of war held by Royalist tribes in Northwest Yemen.

The ICRC Doctor naturally examined all the prisoners. Generally speaking, their health was considered to be satisfactory.

The ICRC representatives handed 117 letters to the prisoners from their families. The latter in their turn entrusted further family messages to the representatives of the ICRC.

*Work at the Uqhd hospital.*—During the last few weeks, the ICRC field hospital at Uqhd has known an increase of activity as a result of military operations.<sup>1</sup> It will be recalled that wounded and sick are sheltered in the hospital tents and that surgical operations continue to be carried out in the operating theatre unit.

In order to take this situation into account and in view of the report recently submitted by the head of its mission in the Yemen, the ICRC has decided to extend its medical aid until the end of July, both at the Uqhd hospital and by its mobile medical teams working on the Royalist as well as on the Republican side.

## USA

One of the largest television networks in the USA, the National Broadcasting Company, has informed the ICRC that it had used in

<sup>1</sup> *Plate* : Operation in the Uqhd hospital.

one of its televised programmes, with an audience of 7 to 8 million viewers, extracts from a recent film, reporting on the ICRC's activity at Sanaa and in the central region of the Arab Republic of the Yemen. The film was produced by Mr. J. Santandrea, a member of the ICRC's delegation.

## Cyprus

The ICRC delegation in Cyprus has continued its distribution, especially of clothing and shoes for civilians, above all for women and children.

As a result of the appeal launched by the ICRC in October 1964, to all National Red Cross, Red Crescent, and Red Lion and Sun Societies, 21 National Societies have responded. Total contributions have amounted to 212,161 Swiss francs, to which certain donations in kind should be added from other sources.

## Central Europe

At the end of March, Mr. H. G. Beckh, ICRC delegate, went to the Dresden headquarters of the German Red Cross in the Democratic Republic of Germany, then to Prague to visit the headquarters of the Czechoslovak Red Cross. In each country he was received by the Chairman of the National Society, Professor Ludwig and Doctor Stich, together with their colleagues. He also paid a visit to officials of the authorities.

On his return journey, Mr. Beckh stopped in Vienna for a discussion with Mr. Sevcik, Secretary-General of the Austrian Red Cross.

In the course of this mission, he was able to exchange views on questions of mutual interest, concerning in particular the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, which is to be held in Vienna in the autumn of 1965.