

## The Central Tracing Agency

In February 1966, Mrs. Frieda N., resident in Djamboul, USSR, requested the Central Tracing Agency at ICRC headquarters in Geneva to undertake an investigation to trace her mother, Mrs. Lydia M., née P. and her two sisters Lydia W. M. and Rosa W. M. born in 1926 and 1928 respectively. Frieda N. had been without news of her relatives since the Second World War. They had lived in North Crimea and were deported to Germany.

The Central Tracing Agency soon found Mrs. Lydia M. and one of the sisters whose name was also Lydia. They had been living in Kellerska in the North of the USSR since 1959. Through them it was possible to find the other sister, Rosa, and even the father, Wilhelm M., born in the Crimea in 1900 and reported missing in 1941.

In August 1966, the family was finally reunited after twenty-five years' separation, in an atmosphere of joy which can well be imagined, at the home of Mrs. Lydia M. In glowing terms Mr. Wilhelm M. wrote to the International Committee of the Red Cross expressing gratitude and the family's happiness.

One shadow still mars the picture : it has not yet been possible to trace the son, Edmund M., born in 1931, and who disappeared one day on his way to school.

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## Radiocommunications

A series of six test broadcasts were recorded in the ICRC studios in 1966 and sent out on the short-wave band by the Schwarzenburg transmitter. We would add that the Radiocommunications Service during the past year studied 1,550 listeners' reports sent by 760 correspondents from 36 countries, and 61 tape recordings also sent by correspondents.

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