

Publication and report,

Several kinds of publications introducing the activities of the Red Cross are printed in national language. For foreigners pamphlets and materials including bulletin "Red Cross Talks" are published in several foreign languages and distributed.

Our Society also diffuses hygienic knowledge and introduces Red Cross activities through publications, radio, television and so on".

Ecuador

Last year, the Ecuador Red Cross celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding and marked the occasion by the publication of a well illustrated booklet.

It begins by recalling two important events in its history—the formation in 1910, in Guayaquil, of a Red Cross Brigade which went to the border to help victims, and the recognition, in 1922, of the National Society by the ICRC in Geneva. It also speaks of the circumstances under which a Society was founded in Quito by Mr. Luis Robalino Dávila who, as the first President of the Society, immediately set to, backed by a broadly representative committee, to enlarge on the work that had been started back in 1922. Sections were founded throughout the country and medical activities developed under the drive of several doctors. Voluntary auxiliary brigades were set up and so were ladies' committees, in the capital and in other towns. Later, first aid and home nursing courses were organised and the enthusiasm of the Red Cross Youth made for the constant renewal of humanitarian activities in Ecuador. For example, as this publication recalls, the Red Cross effectively stepped in during a national disaster in 1940 and, in 1948, the first blood bank in Ecuador was opened under Red Cross auspices.

This booklet ends with a review of the activities of the various provincial offices of the Society and with a summary of the tasks that they carry out in the various sectors, all of which goes to show the striking vitality and growing effectiveness of the Ecuador Red Cross.

Jordan

The Jordan Red Crescent has, to mark its 25th anniversary, published a booklet which, through its many articles and illustrations, reflects the activity of the National Society in many sectors.

It begins with a message from H.M. King Hussein who mentions, among other things, the interest with which he has followed the close collaboration that has grown up between the Red Crescent and international Red Cross institutions. Then Dr. Abu-Goura makes a point of recalling the activities of the National Society, of which he is President, in spreading knowledge of the Geneva Conventions, which are taught at Amman University and at the Military Academy.

There is a congratulatory message from Mr. Marcel A. Naville, President of the ICRC, followed by an article on the birth of the Red Crescent, its history and the significance of its emblem. Further on, there is a page devoted to Henry Dunant which bears witness to the desire to affirm the unity of the Red Cross movement by mentioning both the work that is today being done with such profound devotion by the Committee and the members of the Red Crescent in Jordan and the work of the author of *A Memory of Solferino* to whom a tribute is thus paid.
