

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

RE-APPRAISAL OF THE ROLE OF THE RED CROSS

In its issue of January 1973, *International Review* announced that the ICRC and the League of Red Cross Societies, in response to the wish of the International Red Cross Standing Commission, had set up a Joint Committee for the re-appraisal of the present and future role of the Red Cross throughout the world. In a letter dated 10 September 1975, the President of the ICRC and the Chairman of the League Board of Governors have informed all National Societies that the project has been completed and that the Joint Committee for the re-appraisal had transmitted to the ICRC and the League the Study Director's Final Report, a volume of 129 pages which has just been issued in print.

It was stated in the letter: "The Report is intended as an "Agenda" for the future, deserving wide discussion throughout The Red Cross. We hope you will take adequate steps for such discussion within your National Society. At the same time the ICRC and League will jointly study the Report and its implications".

The following press release was also issued by the ICRC and League:

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies have just received the conclusions of the Reappraisal of the Role of the Red Cross—a study on the future of the movement initiated by them two and a half years ago. This study was commissioned to enable Red Cross to chart its future on the basis of an objective assessment of its present action and a forecast of services it may be expected to provide in coming years. It was carried out by persons outside the movement with wide experience in international affairs and voluntary organisations.

The Study Director, Mr. Donald Tansley, and his staff were given complete freedom to investigate in detail the present work of the Red Cross in different parts of the world and have made independent judgements on its many future roles and potential.

The Report contains an evaluation of Red Cross efforts for victims of conflict and disasters, and of services in health and social welfare. It points to strengths and weaknesses in the organisation at both national and international levels, and suggests how the Red Cross, by building on its strengths, can ensure an even greater role for itself in the future. The Study Director describes the Report as an agenda for discussion. The Report and its related Background Papers are being circulated throughout the Red Cross to encourage discussion at all levels, international and national.

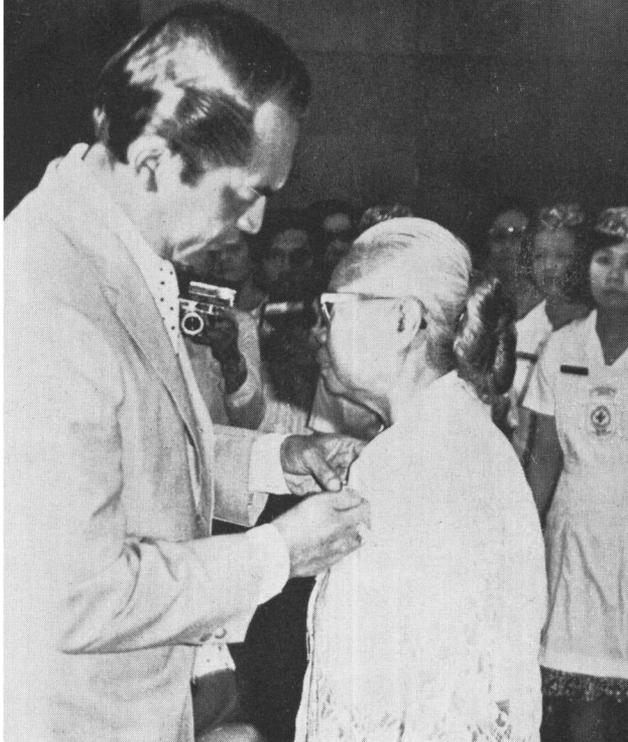
In addition, in the course of the re-appraisal, six background papers were prepared.¹ These papers, which are quite independent of the Final Report, describe the present role of the Red Cross and its place in various fields. They bear the following titles:

1. *Present Role of the Red Cross in Protection*
2. *The Evolution of the Red Cross*
3. *Present Role of the Red Cross in Assistance*
4. *National Red Cross Societies and Health and Welfare*
5. *Red Cross at National Level: A Profile*
6. *As Others See Us: Views on Red Cross*

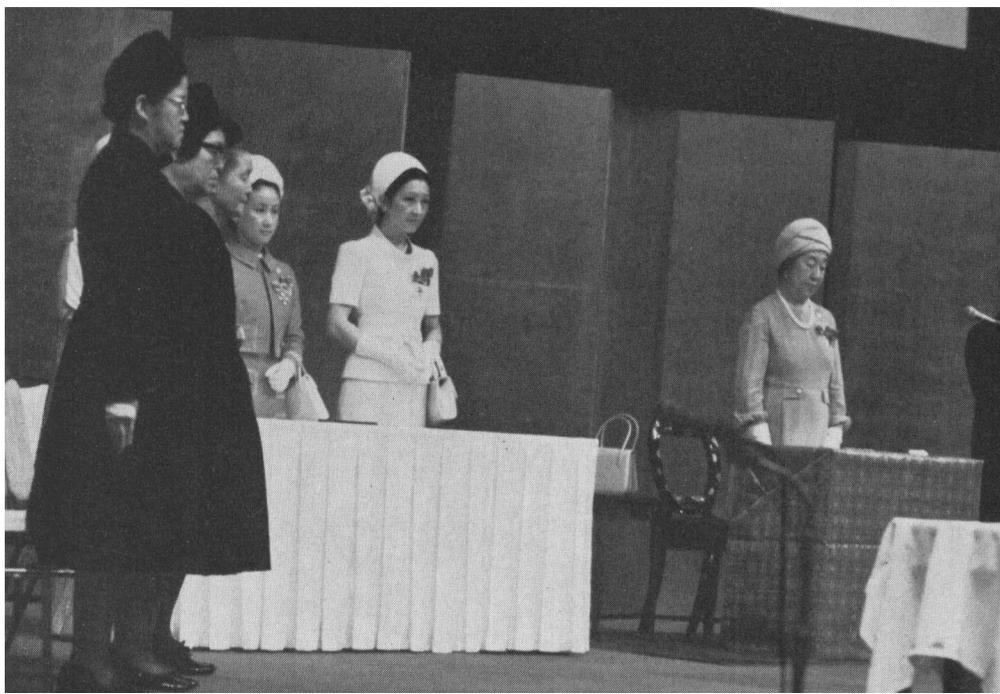
¹ The papers and the Final Report (*Final Report: An Agenda for the Red Cross*), issued in English, French and Spanish, may be obtained from the Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva (Final Report, Sw. fr. 10.—; background papers, Sw. fr. 5.—).

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL

Indonesia: The Governor of Djakarta presenting the medal to Mrs. Marianne Tuapattinaya-Lohnauman.



Japan: H.M. the Empress, Honorary President of the Japanese Red Cross, congratulating the three medalists: Miss Fumiko Hosokawa, Miss Matsuko Takase and Miss Toyo Oka.





Canada: The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec presenting the Florence Nightingale medal to Miss Jeannette Ouellet.

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Pakistan: An ICRC delegate presenting to Mrs. Bhutto, National Chairman of the Pakistan Red Crescent, a copy of the school textbook in Urdu, published by the ICRC.

