

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Sw.Fr. 59,200; Yemen Arab Republic—Sana'a artificial limb workshop Sw.Fr. 50,200, and sundry relief supplies Sw.Fr. 6,600; People's Democratic Republic of Yemen—aid to detainees and to their families Sw.Fr. 11,180, and aid to Dhofar refugees Sw.Fr. 5,500; Syria—POW aid and sundry relief supplies Sw.Fr. 1,900.

Ten million messages in one year

The ICRC Central Tracing Agency (CTA) is doing a big job in the Asian sub-continent.

In one year, that is from March 1972 to March 1973, the Geneva office dealt with 24,000 inquiries (in round figures) divided into three categories: inquiries from the families of missing civilians or army men (8,000), inquiries about prisoners of war and their families (10,000), and inquiries received mainly from civilians in Pakistan and India (6,000). Moreover, the CTA has computerized 270,000 index cards.

In the autumn of 1971, the CTA opened offices in Islamabad, New Delhi and Dacca, in close co-operation with the National Red Cross Societies. The most important is the Dacca office, which has four branches in the interior and some forty local employees. The New Delhi office has seven local employees, and the Islamabad office four. Each of the three offices is supervised by a CTA expert from Geneva.

From March 1972 to March 1973, the three offices transmitted to and from Pakistan and Bangladesh 10 million letters, namely 8.5 million between prisoners of war and their families and 1.5 million civilian family messages.
