

## LECTURES AND STUDY CENTRES

Various events, as we know, took place in Switzerland on the occasion of the Red Cross Centenary. Mention will only be made now of those which occurred up to August 31, 1963. In view of their importance we will naturally return to them. One should however point out how successful were the various lectures and discussions between August 19 and 23 which enabled specialists to describe their experiences and the general public to be given information about the Red Cross and its activities.

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A World Conference of Educators met in Lausanne in which not only the leaders of the National Junior Red Cross took part, but also teachers, representatives of national Ministries of Education, school doctors and officials of Health Ministries<sup>1</sup>.

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A Seminar on the activity of the Red Cross in case of armed conflicts, of internal disturbances or international tension took place at the ICRC's headquarters in Geneva. The leaders of National Red Cross Societies participated and a review was made of the various activities which Red Cross institutions, whether national or international, could undertake on behalf of victims<sup>1</sup>.

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An International Study centre for those responsible for the nursing services of the Red Cross was held in Lausanne for nurses and assistant nurses, who together examined the rôle of nursing personnel within the Red Cross.<sup>1</sup>

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Opening address by State Councillor P. Oguey,  
of the World Conference of Educators.

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... and by Miss N. F. Exchaquet, of the International Study Centre  
for those in charge of the Red Cross nursing services.





**Demonstrations at the International Meeting of Red Cross first aiders.**

**Photos : Jean Zbinden**

**Seminar on the activity of the Red Cross in case of armed conflict,  
internal disturbances or of international tension.**



An international meeting of Red Cross first aid workers was held at Macolin near Biemme. This was for qualified first aiders and was partly theoretical and partly practical. Exercises and demonstrations also took place.<sup>1</sup>

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On the theme "The Red Cross in the world today", lectures took place in the evenings between August 26 and 29 at the University of Geneva. These attracted a large public and were followed by discussions. The texts of some of these lectures will appear shortly in the *International Review*.

The lecturers were as follows: Professor Jacques Pirenne, member of the Belgian Royal Academy, honorary professor at the Universities of Brussels and Geneva; Mrs. Senedu Gabru, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League, member of the Central Committee of the Ethiopian Red Cross; Mr. Frédéric Siordet, Vice-President of the ICRC, President of the Centenary Commission of the Red Cross in Switzerland, and Mrs. Geronima T. Pecson, President of the Philippine Red Cross.

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Demonstrations organised in co-operation with the Swiss Army Medical Service and the Swiss Red Cross also took place in the Colombier region.

As one can see, these lectures and discussions gave a broad general survey to all who took part, enabling them to see the future of the Red Cross movement in broad outline.

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