

## A GLANCE THROUGH THE REVIEWS

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This issue of the official publication of the League of Red Cross Societies is devoted entirely to Asia. By the written word and by illustration, it shows the main problems confronting the twenty-three National Societies of that continent, that is to say the high and ever-increasing birth-rate, an essentially rural way of life, under-production and malnutrition. The National Red Cross Societies are attempting to solve these problems by comprehensive action to promote health, as is reflected in the ample photographs illustrating a maternity and child welfare clinic which has been set up by one of these Societies; a nursery where children are cared for and taught while their mothers are at work; infant-care courses in proper feeding; mass vaccination campaigns, sanatoria, nutrition centres, eye surgeries and blood transfusion services.

First aid is also given a place of importance. Courses are given to boy scouts, policemen and housewives and the publication shows photographs of boys' brigade members giving first aid to the injured on an isolated highway, in the tropical jungle and in the stony desert.

This issue also contains important articles by presidents or leading personalities in the Red Cross and the Red Crescent. The authors have taken the opportunity of the occasion of the Centenary to give an historical account of the movement in their respective countries, to examine the work carried out by their National Societies, to review the progress achieved since their foundation as well as the new fields of an ever-widening scope in which the Societies carry out their activities. Mrs. Amrit Kaur, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Indian Red Cross, is the author of an article entitled "Asian Viewpoint" in which she states "The great success achieved by this movement has been an inspiring lesson for all those who work for humanitarian causes — the lesson that a noble mission, with the welfare of mankind as its sole objective, will never fail to attract public support".

Prince Tadatsugu Shimadzu, President of the Japanese Red Cross Society, has taken for the title of his article an adage by Confucius "Explore the past and you will know the future"; Mr. Li Yu-Pin, member of the Junior Red Cross Corps of the No. 7 Primary School for children of railway workers in Peking, gives a short account of a typical day's activities of his Junior Red Cross group. Professor Gueorgui Miterev, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR, describes the activity

of four Red Crescent Societies in the Uzbek, Tajik, Azerbaijan and Turkmen Republics. Dr. Chaloem Puranananda, Director of the Science Division of the Thai Red Cross Society, gives some interesting information on the history of the Serpentarium at Bangkok and on the technique of extracting venom. Dr. Ahmad Abou-Qoura, Secretary-General of the Jordan Red Crescent Society, in a report entitled "Campaign for Youth", describes the work of the Jordan Red Crescent on behalf of youth in want. The concluding article is by a personality from the Philippines, who recalls the speech of Mr. Diosdado Macapagal, when he launched the extensive programme planned in celebration of the whole Centenary Year with details of the themes chosen for each month, inviting all the citizens of the Philippines to accept responsibilities, to take the initiative and assume leadership in the observance of the Red Cross Centenary.

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The "Monthly News and Report" issued by the League of Red Cross Societies is to change its name and will henceforth be published under the title *Panorama*, complete with an attractive red backing.

"Panorama" has been chosen as the title because this suggests more clearly what the publication endeavours to offer readers, that is to say, a complete world-wide review of all Red Cross activities.

At the same time slight changes have been brought about in that several headings have shed some weight to make reading of this official publication easier.

Accounts may still be read therein of special activities undertaken by National Societies, as well as news of events throughout the world which concern the Red Cross and reports of the League Secretariat which give information on missions carried out by members and on the main conferences or meetings attended.

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