

## IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

to War Crimes—present situation and future outlook”, “ Agreements on human rights and the Geneva Conventions for the protection of war victims”, “ Development of the law of war”, “ An international convention for the protection of journalists in time of armed conflict”, besides many others.

VI. Several books have been published on subjects relating to the international law of armed conflicts, including a monograph on respect of human rights in armed conflicts. Another important monograph is in the press, on the subject of the legal situation of the civilian population in time of armed conflict.

VII. Courses in public international law, dealing with these subjects too, are also given in all faculties of law.

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## INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ASSISTANCE IN INDO-CHINA

### **Khmer Republic**

With the recrudescence of fighting round Phnom Penh, thousands of persons living on the outskirts have sought refuge in the centre of the city. Delegates of International Red Cross Assistance in Indo-China (AICR) have met the emergency by distributing plasma and medicaments to hospitals and organizing the distribution of essential relief supplies. The construction of provisional shelters is contemplated.

The medical team furnished by the Swedish Red Cross has been transferred from Kompong Cham to Kompong Chhnang, where the 300,000 local population has been increased by over 40,000 displaced persons. To ensure more aid for the victims of fighting, the Belgian Red Cross has strengthened its surgical team at Svay Rieng by an additional surgeon and two nurses.

### **Democratic Republic of Vietnam**

A first batch of prefabricated houses, to provide accommodation for 1,200 families arrived in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam from Japan in January 1974. Some units have already been erected on a site prepared for the purpose at Haiphong. Other prefabricated units, from Finland and the Federal Republic of Germany, are due to reach the Democratic Republic of Vietnam shortly.

### **Republic of Vietnam**

Assistance to victims of the recent typhoons is a priority in the Republic of Vietnam. The two medical teams sent by the Federal Republic of Germany are pursuing their activities in the provinces of Binh Tuy and Lam Dong, while the IOG team is at work in Phu Bon.

### **Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam**

In January, IOG received further contributions designed to equip the 250-bed hospital provided for the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam (PRG). The Polish Red Cross supplied dispensary equipment to the value of 350,000 Swiss francs, while the Austrian Government and Red Cross Youth contributed a sum of about 620,000 Swiss francs, which will cover the purchase of the bulk of the supplies for a hospital ward. Equipment for the surgical polyclinic was due to arrive in Haiphong in February.

For the entire project, IOG has received donations amounting to 5.8 million Swiss francs (including those mentioned above), in cash and in kind, from the National Societies of Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Japan, Norway and Sweden. This covers two-thirds of the total budget.

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