

VIET NAM

At the beginning of October, the National Red Cross Society of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam sent the following communication to the International Committee of the Red Cross:

“We have the honour to advise you that, consequent on the reunification of our country, we have, on 31 July 1976, united the National Societies of North and South in a single organization which will henceforth be called the Red Cross of Viet Nam. Its headquarters will be in Hanoi, capital of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

BULGARIA

The 7th National Congress of the Bulgarian Red Cross took place in Sofia on 14 and 15 October under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Ignatov, President of the Society. The meeting was attended by representatives of many other National Societies and by the Chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross, Sir G. Newman-Morris. The ICRC was represented by Mr. M. Naville, Member and former President, and the League by Mr. H. Beer, Secretary General.

Mr. Naville read to the opening session a message from Mr. A. Hay, President of the ICRC, expressing the best wishes of the institution for the success of the National Congress.

The main items on the agenda were the septennial report by the President of the Society (which had held its 6th Congress in 1969), reports of regional sections and the election of the Presidium. All of the current members of the Presidium were re-elected. Several resolutions were adopted. One of the principal subjects discussed was the Red Cross and Peace. All speakers emphasized the need for the Red Cross to work for peace and international understanding.

The guests from abroad were received at the Presidential Palace by the Chief of State, Mr. Zivkov. They were also invited to visit Varna and Slantchev Briag to witness demonstrations by Red Cross first aid workers. Other events testified to the warmth of the welcome extended to its guests by the People's Republic of Bulgaria.