

FINLAND

The Finnish Red Cross, from 11 to 15 October, organized a training course for future delegates, with the participation of several leaders of the Society, including its Secretary General, Mr. K. Warras. Twenty-seven Finns took part, 19 of whom belonged to medical or paramedical professions—the others having been chosen for their potential ability to carry out or direct relief activities. Each of the Nordic National Societies also sent participants, as part of the effort of co-ordination and co-operation. The international institutions were represented as well, the ICRC by Mr. F. Schmidt, head of the Relief Division, and his deputy, Mr. P. Dind; the League by Mr. S. Kilde, Director of the Office for Relief Planning, and his deputy, Mr. R. Carrillo.

During the four-day course, both lecturers and students spent all their time in a modernized old farm house, sharing a communal life and benefiting from continuous contacts which contributed greatly to the success of the course.

Various aspects of the organization and current activities of the Red Cross were described by members of the Finnish Red Cross and the representatives of the ICRC and the League. Thereafter, there were numerous discussions among the various groups, enabling all participants to consider and express themselves on the problems involved in protecting and assisting the victims of conflicts and natural disasters.

Every detail in the arrangements for the course was perfect.
