

SERVICE FOR REFUGEES

It is generally known that the World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations is continuing its work on behalf of refugees. We now give some of the tasks it accomplished in 1966 :¹

In Hong Kong, for refugee children and young adults living in resettlement areas;

In Vietnam, for women, children and youth in the refugee village of Phuong-Hoang near Saigon;

In India, for Tibetan refugees in agricultural settlements and at the Dharamsala Nursery; for refugees from East Pakistan in rural settlements and transit camps;

In Pakistan, for children, boys and young men in townships near Karachi;

For refugee boys and young men living in the town of Gaza, and for youth and community leaders from refugee camps;

In Jordan, for refugee boys selected for vocational training, and by the World Alliance for leaders responsible for youth activities and community services in refugee camps;

In Lebanon, for refugee boys and young men living outside camps and by the World Alliance for refugee leaders from camps;

In Kenya, for refugees recommended by the U.N. Office in Nairobi, who need short-term emergency assistance;

In Tanzania, for refugees resettled in the Muyenzi area near the Burundi border;

For refugees awaiting migration or local resettlement in the Federal camp and the home for women near Vienna, and for

¹ *Work with Refugees*, YMCA, Geneva, February 1967.

boys and girls from refugee families who spend their vacations at Camping Centre Sibley in Upper Austria;

For refugees working in steel mills, for various refugee groups in Paris, and for handicapped refugee boys and young men who need vocational training;

In England, for Poles residing in that country and young people who pursue their studies or have obtained employment.

FLYING DOCTORS

Communications in the interior of Africa are generally still difficult. Distances between villages may be hundreds of miles, with no road link. The doctor has therefore to overcome natural geographic obstacles to respond quickly to calls; he needs to use every means made available by modern technology, particularly the airplane and the radio. Hence, in several regions of the continent, the "flying doctor" services modelled on those which have proved their worth in Australia.

Two articles on "flying doctors" in Africa have been published, one by Joan Duncan in the journal of the World Medical Association and the other by Peter T. Dewhurst in the monthly review issued by the League of Red Cross Societies.¹ We reproduce them below, as we believe that National Societies elsewhere might be interested in these field operations which bring the benefits of science to those who suffer in the remotest regions.

Nigeria.—It is in Nigeria, Africa's "Giant in the Sun" that the techniques of radio and aviation are being harnessed to carry the skills of doctors, agriculturalists, educators and other experts into the rural areas as a team to speed up rural development.

¹ "The Flying Doctor Service in Africa", *World Medical Journal*, Copenhagen, July-August 1966, vol. 13, No. 4, and "Zambia's Flying Doctor", *Panorama*, Geneva, January 1966.