

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Yemen**

*North Yemen.* — The relief of the ICRC medical team in the country did not take place at the end of June because of unexpected difficulties. The ICRC, however, intends to install a fresh surgical team whose task will be to give treatment to casualties from the fighting. It should be pointed out that in addition to the risks caused by the hostilities to which the delegates are exposed, several ICRC representatives have, as a result of infectious diseases contracted, had recently to return to Switzerland where they are now receiving the necessary care.

*Sanaa.* — At the Hungarian hospital, the team of the Hungarian Red Cross consisting of two surgeons Dr. J. Csengody and Dr. A. Gonda, together with a technician, has been continuing its humanitarian work since July 21, the date of its arrival.

The action arranged for the fitting of the war disabled with artificial limbs is now being prepared as the proposed programme cannot be started without the help of technical specialists.

**Aden**

Restarted on July 15, the medical action, initiated at the beginning of November 1967 by the International Committee, is continuing. The ICRC surgical team has since the end of August consisted of Dr. A. Foletti, Dr. J. Parramore and male nurse E. Heiniger. Drs. S. Baev and T. Drobev of the Bulgarian Red Cross are also members of that team. It should be mentioned that their work has considerably increased over the past month.

## Middle East

On July 30, 1968 at El Qantara a further operation took place, organized and controlled by the delegates of the ICRC in Egypt and Israel. This enabled the reuniting of a large number of families: 180 Palestinian and 200 Egyptian.

At the beginning of August and in view of present requirements for milk products for the population in West Bank Jordan, the ICRC delegation in Jerusalem started to put a distribution programme into effect, particularly for children, of 32 tons of powdered milk distributed by the ICRC representatives in co-operation with the local branches of the Red Crescent and Israeli Social Welfare.

It should be pointed out that there is one ICRC delegate in each of the following countries: Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. In Israel there are 10 delegates in the delegation. Several sub-delegations are, in fact, at work, the first of which (comprising 3 assistant delegates) is at Jerusalem, the second (3 delegates) at Gaza and a third at Kuneitra (one delegate).

These delegations continue to carry out the traditional work of visiting detainees, relief, the transmission of messages, aid to refugees, the reuniting of families and different interventions on behalf of those in need.

## Vietnam

Here are some news of recent activity of the International Committee's delegation in Vietnam: The ICRC delegates visit prisoner of war camps and screening centres on which reports are then forwarded to Geneva. In various hospital centres they have distributed relief of a medical character such as surgical instruments and also aid in the form of clothing and toilet articles to the detainees of a penitentiary, as well as medicines for children suffering as a result of the war. The delegates of the ICRC are continuing to bring aid to orphanages in Saigon and the immediate outskirts.

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