

voluntary societies. This movement will continue, but it is recognized that there are an increasing number of areas in which laws count for very little, such as helping one's neighbour, to take the time to listen to one another's problems, to devote the time and energy to the many little acts of friendship.

This particular kind of assistance is especially needed in new housing developments, where people live in smaller rooms, are strangers to one another and find it difficult to adapt to their new conditions. The Red Cross intervenes in such cases to help establish better communication between such people and support their efforts in mutual help.

Lastly, the Red Cross is called upon to make a more direct contribution to social responsibility in the "Year for Voluntary Social Work". Every year, a thousand or so young people give their assistance in various fields of activity after intensive training for these tasks of human solidarity.

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During the events which occurred in Lima on 5 February 1975, following a strike by the police force, some eighty Peruvian Red Cross first-aiders stationed on the main roads rendered effective assistance, sometimes at the risk of their own lives, to the injured before sending them by ambulance to one of the city's hospitals or dispensaries.

The National Society subsequently instituted a day-and-night first-aid service.

The *International Review* is glad to be able to report this illustration of the devoted spirit in which some National Societies act in time of trouble.
