

Society. It receives financial aid from the Royal Nepalese Government; finally, many National Societies have come to the help of the Nepalese Red Cross over the years, to contribute to its development. The Society has many plans and projects which it has not yet been able to carry out, and depends on the continuing support of other Societies.

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### **TRAINING SEMINAR FOR FUTURE DELEGATES OF THE FINNISH RED CROSS**

The Finnish Red Cross organized a training seminar for future delegates to be made available to the International Red Cross (the ICRC or the League of Red Cross Societies) for relief work abroad. The seminar was held at Keurusselkä, about 300 km north of Helsinki, from 31 January to 4 February 1977.

All 30 participants were volunteers, most of them members of medical or para-medical professions, and prepared to make themselves available on a voluntary basis to the Red Cross for several months at a time. Some of them had already taken part in an International Red Cross mission for the ICRC, in Lebanon or Angola, for example. Others were about to go to Bangladesh for the League of Red Cross Societies. Each of the Scandinavian National Societies had sent a representative to the Keurusselkä seminar.

Courses were given by Mr. Kai Warras, Secretary General of the Finnish Red Cross and director of the seminar, by Mr. Philippe Grand d'Hauteville of the ICRC, and by Mr. Jürgen Weyand and Mr. Hiroshi Higashiura of the League of Red Cross Societies.

The programme included lectures on the ICRC, the League, the Geneva Conventions, the various bodies which constitute the International Red Cross, their functions and activities, and a number of practical exercises based on recent operations. In addition, Finnish specialists, a doctor, an anthropologist, a delegate recently returned from mission, and an officer of the Finnish Army described their experiences with the Red Cross.

An identical seminar was organized by the Finnish Red Cross last November, and was a great success. The participants in the January course were greatly impressed by the few days of study and practical exercises. The Finnish Red Cross has therefore decided to organize more such seminars.

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