Yemen Arab Republic

The ICRC workshop for orthopaedic appliances, in Sana'a, has continued its activities for the equipping and rehabilitation of invalids.[1] In November 1971, 285 amputees were registered for treatment and fitting at the centre. Fifteen of them were training to wear an orthopaedic appliance while a further fifteen were learning how to walk with an artificial limb. During that month, the workshop produced ten leg prostheses, two arm prostheses and three orthotic aids. Altogether, the centre has produced some 145 artificial limbs and twenty-two orthotic appliances.

IN GENEVA

Participation in the Geneva Conventions

In its last issue, the *International Review* stated that 130 States were parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949. This number has now risen to 131. The ICRC has recently been informed by the Federal Political Department in Berne that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Burundi has notified the Swiss Federal Council, in a letter which reached the latter on 27 December 1971, that Burundi considers itself a party to the four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, under the earlier ratification by Belgium.

By this declaration of continuity, the Republic of Burundi is henceforth expressly bound by the said Conventions.

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[1] The October 1970 issue of *International Review* contains a detailed article on this workshop.