

## Activities of Relief Section

*Here are some statistics which reveal the extent of the relief supplies sent throughout the world by the ICRC, from the beginning of January until the end of March.*

*To Africa :* 3 tons of powdered milk and 80 kg of milk for infants were shipped early in March to Senegal for the Red Cross branch at St. Louis, as a contribution to its " goutte de lait " campaign for mothers and for infant orphans.

*To Latin America :* 4 consignments were sent to Chile, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama: the Chilean Red Cross is to receive 20 tons of powdered milk, made available to the ICRC by the Swiss Government, and 200 tons of milk donated by the European Economic Commission; medicaments to the value of Sw.Fr. 12,500 were despatched to the Guatemalan Red Cross for detainees seen by ICRC delegates on their rounds of prison visits; medicaments to the value of Sw.Fr. 5,300 were also shipped on 21 February by the ICRC to the Nicaraguan Red Cross, while a consignment of pharmaceutical products to the value of Sw.Fr.3,300 was sent by air on 27 January to the Panamanian Red Cross.

*To Asia :* vast quantities of relief supplies are being currently forwarded by the ICRC to the Indian sub-continent. As the relief action and the volume of the consignments are on a very large scale, a general report on the relief action, planned to go on for three months, will be drawn up when it is terminated. The ICRC forwarded a consignment of suture materials and anti-tetanus serum to a total value of Sw.Fr. 25,000 and 1,296 kg of medicaments to the Khmer Red Cross. A consignment containing medical supplies has been sent to the Lao Patriotic Front; it consists of 20 surgical kits and 60 miscellaneous parcels of medical supplies weighing in all 1,365 kg, to a value of Sw.Fr. 90,000.

*To the Middle East:* the ICRC has received from the Swiss Government and shipped a further donation of 300 tons of wheat flour for the West Jordan area, and 500 tons of flour for Jordan east of the river from the European Economic Community. Twenty tons of maize flour, also a gift from the EEC, have been shipped to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

## Central Tracing Agency

### Activities in 1971

The Central Tracing Agency is constantly faced with a double task. It must fulfil its very urgent and frequently arduous duties resulting from current events while not forgetting the many activities resulting from past conflicts. The importance of the work done by the Agency and in the various places where it has set up sub-agencies, with the help of National Societies, is well known. Here, to give some idea of this work, are some figures for 1971:

	MAIL - IN	<i>Number of cases</i>
(A) Requests		25,134
(B) Replies to our enquiries		
positive	2,063	
negative	5,261	
	Total	7,324
(C) Messages to be transmitted		14,740
	Total	47,198

#### *Information :*

Lists	220
Number of pages	2,268
Number of names	44,287
Capture cards	16
Death certificates	75