

*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

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	MAIL - OUT	<i>Number of cases</i>
(A) Correspondence		22,768
(B) Enquiries opened		10,270
(C) Messages transmitted		15,139
(D) Captivity certificates		2,552
	Total	50,729
<i>Cases closed:</i>		
	Positive	4,715
	Negative	5,739
	Total	10,454

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Total number of messages transmitted via ICRC delegations in the Middle East between Israel and the Arab countries : 83,354

## Legal Missions to Africa

As already mentioned in *International Review*<sup>1</sup> the Conference of Government Experts on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts, last May, expressed the wish that the ICRC convene a second session with wider representation. Complying with that wish, the ICRC, on 27 September 1971, invited all governments then expressly bound by the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, to delegate experts to the second session, to be held in Geneva from 3 May to 3 June 1972.

<sup>1</sup> July and November 1971.