

- b) *recommend National Societies to give their support to future actions undertaken by the International Committee in this field and to seek to participate as much as possible and on a regular basis in that action and at the same time to request the ICRC's material assistance in case of need.*

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Can there be a more complex institution than the Red Cross?

Its activities are as numerous as the causes of man's suffering. Furthermore, they vary considerably from one country to another.

To face up to such divergent tasks both in time of peace and in war, the Red Cross has set up a large number of national and international bodies. Is it then surprising that the general public is lost in the maze? There are also many amongst the Red Cross who see no clearer.

To enable the Red Cross the better to explain itself and give a clear and simple general view of its functions, the Henry Dunant Institute has established three instructional aids.<sup>1</sup>

There is first of all a folder in five colours which gives at a glance the main situations in which the Red Cross is called upon to act. By folding, one can see how the Red Cross intervenes in situations of distress and understand the task of the different Red Cross bodies and the methods they employ.

Great care has been taken in the lay-out and draughtmanship of this folder which is of attractive design.

For those having to give talks on the Red Cross, the diagrams illustrating the folder also exist in diapositive form.

The text of a model lecture of some forty-five minutes duration has been drawn up by Mr. Pierre Boissier, Director of the Institute,

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to help speakers. This lively and straightforward presentation can of course be altered according to the wishes of those making use of it.

The folder is written in French and English but the Institute can arrange to have it translated in any other language. The English translation of the lecture is in the process of preparation.

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### **Australia**

Mr. August Lindt, Ambassador of Switzerland, ICRC Commissioner General for West Africa until June 1969, has received the Australian Red Cross Medal of Honour as a token of esteem for the accomplishment of his mission for the victims of the conflict in Nigeria.

In its citation accompanying the award of this high honour, the Australian Red Cross said that Mr. Lindt built up a large scale relief programme on both sides of the front. " His direction of this operation and his qualities as a leader encouraged the Red Cross teams to extraordinary dedication and steadfast determination. "

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