

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***ICRC President in the Federal Republic of Germany**

At the invitation of the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany, the President of the ICRC, Mr. Marcel A. Naville, together with the ICRC Delegate-General for Europe, Mr. Melchior Borsinger, went to Bonn on 14 November for a five-day visit. He there met Dr. Gustav Heinemann, President of the Republic, and several members of the Government.

The President of the ICRC and Mr. Borsinger had talks at the German Red Cross headquarters with Mr. Walter Bargatzky, President, and his colleagues. They were also received by the Bavarian Section and visited the Service for the tracing of missing military personnel which was founded by the National Society.

Greece

In October, the ICRC continued the mission it began on 24 November 1969, consistent with its agreement with the Greek Government.

Its delegates visited in Athens the Aghios Savas, Aghios Pavlos and Athens General Hospitals (Athens Police, 5 and 6 October), the Chalkis prison in Euboea (Gendarmerie, 7 October) and Korydallos prison near Piraeus (Athens Police, 8 and 9 October). They visited persons under house arrest in the villages of Tsotyli, Pentafon, Makrakomi, Gardiki, Carpenissi, Kerassochori, Granitsa and Thermon (Gendarmerie, 12 to 15 October). Finally, they went



July 1970: Repatriation by sea from the Republic of Vietnam of wounded prisoners of war and North Vietnamese fishermen, under ICRC auspices.



The President of the Cambodian Red Cross, Miss Phlech Phiroun, hands over to the Head of the Armed Forces Medical Service medical supplies donated by the ICRC for military wounded. (Right, Mr. Isler, ICRC delegate.)



September 1970: Red Cross convoy on its way to Amman with relief supplies for victims of the civil war in Jordan.

to the camps of Lakki and Partheni on Leros Island (Gendarmerie, 20 to 23 October).

In all these places of detention the ICRC delegates were free to go where they wished and to interview detainees of their choice without witnesses. A police officer was exceptionally present at the meetings during the visit of 19 October at the Bouboulinas Street Commissariat in Athens (Athens Gendarmerie). Moreover, the delegates were not allowed to visit in October the Nosileftikon Idryma Military Hospital.

When they visited the Leros camps, the delegates, assisted by the Hellenic Red Cross and the Ministry of Social Welfare, distributed physical culture equipment and various outdoor and indoor games. Relief supplies in the form of clothing were also distributed by the delegates, again assisted by the same two bodies, to needy families in the region around Athens.

Near East

The ICRC delegates in Israel and the occupied territories and in the United Arab Republic organized a family reuniting operation which took place on 4 November 1970 at El Qantara on the Suez Canal. From the occupied territories 179 persons were able to join their kin west of the canal, while 77 from the United Arab Republic went back to their families in Gaza.

During the operation, the ICRC delegates exchanged parcels and family messages for delivery to prisoners of war in both countries.

In addition, five detainees from the prison at Gaza were repatriated to the United Arab Republic.

Israel and the occupied territories

On 6 November 1970 the ICRC delegates in Israel again visited 69 prisoners of war from the United Arab Republic held at the Sarafand military camp prison. These prisoners are regularly visited by the ICRC.

United Arab Republic

The Israeli prisoners of war in the United Arab Republic (a dozen in all) were visited by the ICRC delegates in Cairo in October and November. Two of them who are wounded and undergoing treatment in hospital were visited on 17 October and 10 November; the other ten were visited in the Abbassieh military prison on 19 and 22 October and on 11 November.

Lebanon

Student transfers.—On 19 October 1970 nine Palestinian students from Gaza went to the Lebanon under ICRC auspices. The operation took place at Rosh Hanikra. In this way these young people will be able to continue their university studies in Beirut.

End of ICRC socio-medical mission.—The socio-medical mission which started last July at Saida (southern Lebanon) has ended. Its purpose was to help the civilian population of the border areas whose position had become precarious due to the many incidents involving firing in that region.

A delegate, a doctor and a male nurse co-operated with the Lebanese Red Cross in this programme for the civilian victims of military operations and provided medical and social assistance to the inhabitants of isolated villages where no other help was available. As the situation in the region no longer justified that assistance, the ICRC decided to withdraw its socio-medical team on 15 November 1970, after four months of field activities.

Syria

On 22 October the ICRC delegates visited for the fifth time an Israeli civilian who had been detained in Damascus since the beginning of the year. They talked with him without witnesses and handed him comforts.

Republic of Vietnam

During the autumn of 1970, the ICRC delegates in the Republic of Vietnam visited eight correctional institutions administered by the Vietnamese armed forces: the institutions concerned were at Tuy Hòa, the Phu-Yen provincial capital; Dalat, the Tuyê-n-Duc provincial capital; Phan Rang, the Ninh Thuân provincial capital; Long-Xuyê-n, the An-Giang provincial capital; Khanh Hung, the Ba Xuyê-n provincial capital; Quan Long, the An Xuyê-n provincial capital; Rach Gia, the Kiê-n Giang provincial capital; and at Kontum.

The delegates also went to the Phu-Quoc prisoner of war camp.

Khmer Republic

The ICRC delegates in Phnom-Penh attended on 12 October 1970 a distribution of relief organized by the Cambodian Red Cross: condensed milk, donated by the Japanese Red Cross, and locally purchased salt, were given to some 3,500 Cambodian refugees.

This distribution is part of a weekly programme which the Cambodian Red Cross instituted on 28 September last and which it intends to carry on regularly.

Laos

In October 1970, the ICRC delegates in Laos visited eight prisoners of war who were released a few days later by the Laos authorities.

Hong Kong

Continuing his mission to places of detention in Hong Kong an ICRC delegate went to the Chi Ma Wan and Tai Lam prisons where he saw respectively one and five detainees imprisoned for political reasons or offences. He enquired into detention conditions

and interviewed the detainees of his choice without witnesses. The reports on these visits are delivered to the detaining authorities.

Philippines

Accompanied by a member of the Philippine Red Cross, an ICRC delegate went to the camp Crame prison at Quezon City. He there saw 19 detainees held for political motives or offences. As customary, the report on the visit is sent to the detaining authorities.

The ICRC has been visiting political detainees in the Philippines for several years.

Ecuador

Continuing the mission he began in Latin America on 6 September 1970, Mr. E. Leemann, ICRC delegate, went to Ecuador. Having received all the requisite facilities from the authorities, he visited nine places of detention where he saw some forty persons detained for political reasons.

Since the beginning of last year, the ICRC has visited places of detention in a dozen Latin American countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.
