

Nations Organization and its various specialized agencies, youth, relief to refugees and natural disaster victims, health, first-aid, and planning, administrative and information problems. A large part of the time was reserved to the study of African social and cultural structures.

In view of the success of this experiment it was decided to organize shortly a second seminar in Accra, Ghana.

Haiti

ICRC Delegate-General for Latin America Serge Nessi, in November 1970, went to Port-au-Prince where he visited the National Red Cross Society, development of whose activity is in full swing. We are therefore pleased to give some details.

In its report on achievements during the years 1968 and 1969, the Haitian Red Cross, which is presided over by Dr. Victor Laroche, gives an account of the medico-social work which it undertakes (vaccinations, X-rays, health education, medical assistance, first-aid and first-aid instruction, ambulance service, mobile first-aid post) and the social welfare service which takes the form of clothing and food donations. In addition, the society's scope has been increased by two new activities, namely:

- a) Free six-month courses to 500 students on the theory and practice of pre- and post-natal care. These courses are given at Red Cross headquarters and at several of the capital's hospitals. Students who pass the final examination are awarded a diploma;
- b) During "Red Cross Week", which is organized every year by the Society and which, in November 1970, met with considerable success, the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Centre was inaugurated in reconditioned premises consisting of a waiting-room, an examination-room, three transfusion rooms, a laboratory and an office for the director, Dr. Adrien Westerbaut. The

staff comprises five laboratory assistants, two nurses and a secretary. Several doctors give their services to keep the centre open day and night. The Red Cross hopes this year to harvest 2,000 flasks of blood and if the public does respond favourably to its appeals it plans to collect blood in other towns.

India

Last year the Indian Red Cross celebrated its 50th anniversary. On 5 November 1970, in the large Vigyan Bhavan room in New Delhi, an official ceremony was attended by the leaders of the National Society, delegates of local branches, and representatives of the international Red Cross institutions, of thirty National Societies and of the diplomatic corps.

In an eloquent opening address, Shri K. K. Shah, Minister of Health and Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society greeted the Society's guests and all who supported its daily work, after which he evoked the ideal of the Red Cross according to which all men were members of a single family. The future of Red Cross and the future of peace were interminably entwined. If the world was to survive everyone must respect that ideal expressed in the words: "above all nations is Humanity". The history of the Red Cross was the history of the victory of generosity over hate, of life over death, of health over sickness and of peace over war.

The ICRC representative, Mr. Jean C. Ott, then read a message from Mr. Marcel A. Naville, President of the International Committee, conveying congratulations, good wishes and also a testimony of gratitude: "When, in 1961, the International Committee of the Red Cross awarded the medical team sent by your Society to the Congo a medal in recognition of their dedicated services, it also intended thereby to express its praise for all the members of your Society, which supported that team in its humanitarian work right