

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Indonesia**

From 27 January to 25 February 1971 Dr. Roland Marti, chief medical officer of the ICRC, and Mr. Bernard Daniel, delegate, paid a series of visits to detention centres in Indonesia.

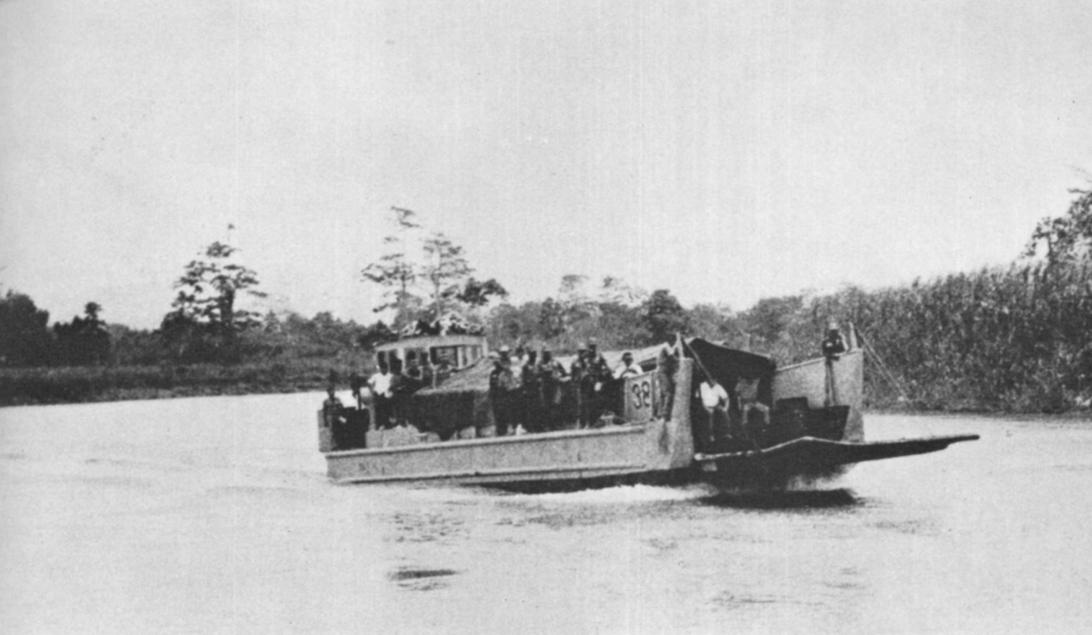
They went first to the island of Buru, in the Southern Moluccas, where political detainees are being held, grouped in thirteen agricultural units along the River Apu¹. They were able, for the moment, to see three of the units. They talked in private with detainees of their choice, and their reports have, in accordance with established practice, been transmitted to the detaining authorities.

The delegates also visited, on 22 February, the prison at Denpasar on the island of Bali and, on 24 and 25 February, the prisons at Jogjakarta and Semarang in Java. We remind our readers that the ICRC had previously undertaken a series of visits in Indonesia, in June 1970.

Malaysia

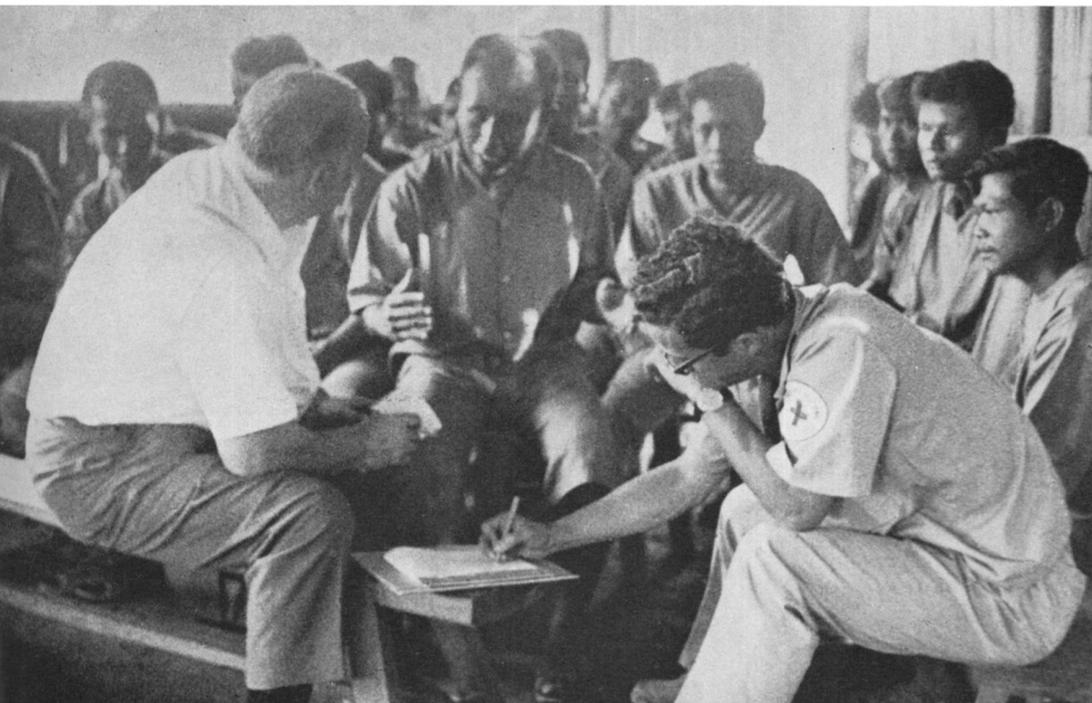
On 26 and 27 March 1971, Dr Roland Marti, chief medical officer of the ICRC, and Mr. Bernard Daniel, delegate, visited two places of detention in Malaysia. They were accompanied by the Tunku Tan Sri Mohamed, Chairman of the National Red Cross Society, and by representatives of the local branch of the Malaysian Red Cross.

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Buru Island, Indonesia: Accompanied by representatives of the authorities, the ICRC delegates go up the River Apu to visit political detainees.

The ICRC delegates (left, Dr. Marti, right, Mr. Daniel) interviewing detainees.





Malawi: The ICRC delegate, Mr. Santschy (**centre**) with students at the Dowa Training Centre.

Laos: Nong Deng, Borikhane province; ICRC delegate Mr. Blatter (**centre**) distributing relief supplies to refugees.



They went to the rehabilitation centres of Batu Gajah (Perak State) and Jerjak Island (Penang State). They saw there 190 and 861 detainees respectively and talked without witnesses with a number of detainees of their choice. The reports on these visits, the first to be carried out by the ICRC in Malaysia, have been sent to the detaining authorities.

Laos

On 2 and 4 March 1971, the ICRC delegate distributed relief supplies—blankets, cooking utensils and food—to some 1,650 displaced persons near Paksane. Medicaments and other supplies were left with the Paksane authorities and the Catholic Mission for the benefit of any further refugees. The distribution was effected in the presence of the provincial governor, the president of the local Red Cross branch and representatives of the Catholic Mission and of the Asian Christian Service.

Relief supplies were also distributed in March in the province of Borikhane.¹

Republic of Vietnam

In the course of the first three months of 1971, ICRC delegates in the Republic of Vietnam visited ten places of detention. These included the interrogation centres at Pleiku and Saigon, the collecting centres of Hoi-An and Nui Dât, the correctional institutions at Tân-An, Danang and Quang-Ngai and the detention centre at Danang. They also saw at the Con-Son penitentiary prisoners of war held for common law offences committed during their captivity. Finally, they visited the American Military Hospital at Chu-Lai.

Rhodesia

From 30 March to 9 April 1971, Mr. G. Hoffmann, ICRC Delegate-General for Africa, accompanied by Dr. E. Leuthold,

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doctor-delegate, carried out a series of visits to places of detention in Rhodesia.

Over a hundred detainees who had not been convicted were visited in five prisons and one internment camp. The ICRC delegates enquired into detention conditions and talked with prisoners without witnesses. They also gave them games and sports equipment. The ICRC report is sent to the detaining authorities.

Mexico

On 21 March 1971, Mr. E. Leemann, delegate, left Geneva for a two-month mission that was to take him to Mexico, and then to Nicaragua and Panama.

In Mexico, where he stayed until 31 March, Mr. Leemann saw political men and women detainees held in the "Centro de reclusión y rehabilitación femenina" and the "Santa Marta Acatitla" prison. He enquired into detention conditions and spoke without witnesses with detainees of his own choice. His report is sent to the detaining authorities.

The ICRC had already visited places of detention in Mexico in November 1969.

Near East

Repatriation of two wounded prisoners.—On 28 March 1971, a wounded Israeli prisoner of war and a wounded United Arab Republic prisoner of war were repatriated under ICRC auspices, consistent with Article 109 of the Third Geneva Convention of 1949.

Israel and the occupied territories

Visits to places of detention.—The thirteenth series of visits to prisons in Israel and the occupied territories was carried out by ICRC delegates between 7 December 1970 and 11 February 1971. They went to 13 prisons and saw over 3,200 detainees.

During these visits and those mentioned below, the delegates enquired into detention conditions and talked in private with the

detainees of their own choice. The reports on these visits are delivered to the Detaining Power.

Visits to prisoners of war.—On 29 March 1971, the ICRC delegates visited the Arab prisoners of war in the Sarafand Military Camp prison: 71 from the United Arab Republic, 39 Syrians and 1 Jordanian. The delegates enquired into detention conditions and talked in private with prisoners of their choice. On 31 March, they also visited a wounded Syrian prisoner of war in hospital.

On 19 April 1971, ICRC delegates again visited all Arab prisoners of war held in the Sarafand Military Camp prison. These number at present 112 men, of whom 72 are from the United Arab Republic, 39 are Syrians and one is a Jordanian. In addition, on 21 April, they visited a wounded Syrian prisoner of war in hospital.

Repatriation of two fishermen to Lebanon.—On 15 March, ICRC delegates went to Roshanikra to arrange the repatriation of two fisherman of Palestinian origin but resident in the Lebanon. They had been taken into custody by Israeli naval forces towards the end of 1970.

Jordan

The delegates of the ICRC in Jordan visited on 1 and 25 March 1971 a camp that had been recently set up by the Jordanian authorities near the Allenby Bridge for persons expelled by the Israeli authorities.

Lebanon

The delegate of the ICRC in the Lebanon visited, on 14 April 1971, two Israeli civilians held in Tyre prison.

United Arab Republic

Delegates of the ICRC visited, on 12 April 1971, nine Israeli prisoners of war held in the Abassieh military prison and, on 13 April, two other Israeli prisoners of war who had been wounded and were in a Cairo hospital.

Syria

Distribution of relief.—On 3 April 1971, the ICRC delegate in Syria was present at a distribution of 564 tons of flour donated by the Swiss Government. Of this, 270 tons were given to 27,000 displaced persons from Golan in the Dera'a region. The remainder was distributed to about 100,000 displaced persons in the Damascus area.

Visit to prisoners of war.—The three Israeli prisoners of war in Syrian hands received the visit of the ICRC delegate on 19 April 1971.

Yemen Arab Republic

The ICRC artificial limb workshop at Sana'a under Mr. J. C. Gehrels, prosthesis expert, and Mr. J.-D. Ducret, physiotherapist, continued operations.¹

In January and February 1971, 16 persons began training before being equipped with their artificial limbs (13 legs and 3 arms). In addition, 12 leg amputees, two of whom have two prostheses, started walking exercises, and 23 others were fitted with their final artificial limbs.

¹ See *International Review*, Oct. 1970.