

Country ", prepared with the assistance of the Lebanese Red Cross, and invites the National Societies represented at Beirut to adopt it and to use their good offices so that their governments may contribute towards its financing.

Reference should also be made to other important questions that were raised: emergency assistance; preventive measures to obviate disasters; the activities of young people and the need to establish new youth sections and organize regional youth camps.

The next meeting of Societies in Arab countries will be opened in Baghdad on 5 February 1972, and a training seminar, similar to the one held recently in Dar-es-Salaam, is planned by the League and will take place, probably in Tunis, next year.

Japan

Last year an international seminar under the name " Konni-chiwa 70 " was organized by the junior section of the Japanese Red Cross. For a month delegates from eighteen National Societies of South-East Asia and the Pacific, as well as League and ICRC representatives, took part in the seminar. The programme was designed to afford opportunities to experience, think, question and compare, and the general theme was " What are the responsibilities and duties of youth to the country and to the world community? What can youth do through the Red Cross? "

The work proceeded in four phases: 1) four groups of the youthful participants examined the problems of communication, education, neutrality and personal values; 2) written questions were submitted on various subjects by the young people, and qualified persons replied in group discussions; 3) young people from each country drew up Red Cross action projects which they would put into effect on returning home; 4) six groups visited many local sections of the Japanese Red Cross. Finally, conclusions were drawn from their experience, a final report was issued and plans for action were devised.

Those plans were followed up in practice in several countries, the young people taking inspiration from them. As announced in the League publication *Panorama*, they put into effect in Ceylon, New Zealand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Australia and Cambodia what they had learned in Japan. The magnificent effort of the Junior Red Cross of Japan, the fine spirit and methods of the seminar had wide repercussions, as symbolized by the words of one participant: "Konnichiwa 70 has just begun".

Malawi

Last November, Mr. R. Santschy, delegate of the ICRC, went to Malawi in order to visit the Malawi Red Cross Society and to see the work it was doing in Blantyre and other parts of the country.

At the Chiradzulu Tuberculosis Hospital, which is run by the government, the National Society finds ways and means of providing patients with occupation during the long hours they spend in hospital. For example, children's patterns, needles and thread are supplied. The patients sew together the various pieces of ready-cut material, and the finished clothes are sold locally in aid of the Red Cross.

In Blantyre, at National Society headquarters, the ICRC delegate met members of a unit who meet regularly once a week for first-aid courses and spoke to them on the history of the ICRC and its present tasks. At Kasupe, he was received by the Local Branch Committee and by Junior Red Cross members. At Lilongwe, where he went together with Mr. Chibambo, Secretary General of the Society, the delegate addressed over a hundred boys and girls on the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. He next went to Dowa, in which place he visited the Red Cross Training Centre and watched first-aid demonstrations which witnessed to the excellent training given to the pupils¹.

¹ *Plate.*