

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Grants in aid from the Maurice de Madre French Fund

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*To the Central Committees of the National Red Cross,
Red Crescent, and Red Lion and Sun Societies*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In the February 1976 issue (No. 179) of *International Review of the Red Cross* (page 70), the International Committee of the Red Cross published the regulations of the Maurice de Madre French Fund. The aim of this Fund is to provide assistance, by paying for rest and convalescent cures, for persons of the permanent or temporary staff of international or national Red Cross institutions, such as delegates or nurses who, in the course of their work or during war operations or natural disasters, have suffered injury and have thereby found themselves in straitened circumstances or in reduced health (Art. 2 of the Regulations).

The board of the Maurice de Madre French Fund, appointed by the ICRC, has in the meantime sold the building which constituted the

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Fund's principal asset, and it would seem that the time has now come to advise you of the conditions under which applications for the first grants may be made.

1. To qualify for a personal grant, persons coming within the scope of the Fund's Regulations must:
 - a) be, or in the course of the last year have been, a member of the permanent or temporary staff of a National Red Cross, Red Crescent, or Red Lion and Sun Society, or of the League of Red Cross Societies, or of the ICRC, as a delegate, doctor, nurse or orderly, technician, or employee (voluntary workers being considered on the same footing as paid staff);
 - b) have participated, during the past year, in a Red Cross action for the victims of an armed conflict or of a natural disaster;
 - c) in the course of that activity, have suffered injury whilst giving aid to the victims in particularly difficult or dangerous circumstances and, as a result, be in straitened circumstances or suffering total or partial invalidity of a temporary or permanent nature.
2. Requests for grants in aid must be submitted to the Board of the Fund within the first three months of each year by the organization to which the person in question belongs (National Society, League, ICRC).

Such requests must be made solely by means of the forms which the ICRC holds at the disposal of the Red Cross organizations making the requests. The forms must be accompanied by all the requisite substantiating documentation.

The requests and supporting documentation may be submitted in French, English, or Spanish.
3. Beneficiaries of grants are designated by the ICRC, at the request of the organizations to which they belong (National Societies, League, ICRC), after the Board of the Fund has made known its recommendations. As a rule, only one request for a grant from any one organization and for any one year will be taken into consideration.
4. When, in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 above, the financial position of the persons is such that they require a financial subsidy rather than a rest or convalescence cure, the ICRC may, upon the recommendation of the Board of the Fund, agree as a special

measure that the grants be utilized in that way. Applications must furnish the necessary detailed information to this end.

5. As a general rule, individual grants will be made annually from the Fund's revenue, after deduction of its administrative and running expenses.

In exceptional cases, payments may also be made from the capital.

6. The Board will give priority to requests it considers to be most worthy of interest, taking into account the state of health and the material situation of the persons concerned and, if need be, the order in which the requests were received.

In the event of dispute, the ICRC decision is final.

7. Additional information may be requested either by the Board of the Fund or by the ICRC, which may consult any person or body it deems appropriate.

The ICRC and the Board of the Fund reserve the right to check the manner in which the funds are used, whether such funds are remitted to the organizations submitting the requests, or personally to the beneficiaries themselves.

8. The Maurice de Madre French Fund can at any time be designated to receive gifts (donations and legacies) which will increase its capital.
9. The ICRC and the Board of the Fund reserve the right at any time to change or supplement the provisions set out above.

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
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