

General Division for Development Aid of the Commission of European Communities, while the ICRC was represented by Mr. R. Courvoisier, Personal Assistant to the President of the ICRC and Director of the Operations Department, and Mr. C. Ammann, Assistant Director and Economic Adviser.

Thanks to this generous donation, the ICRC will be able to carry out an important food aid programme. Displaced persons in Syria and the inhabitants of the Gaza-Sinai area will receive relief supplies in the form of flour, semolina, pearl barley and porridge oats.

### **For victims of pseudo-medical experiments**

The Neutral Commission appointed by the ICRC to decide on applications by Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War met from 7 to 9 January 1971 at ICRC headquarters in Geneva. It consisted of Mr. W. Lenoir, President, a judge of the Geneva Court of Justice, Dr. S. Mutrux, assistant director of the Bel-Air psychiatric clinic in Geneva, and Dr. P. Magnenat, professor and assistant at the Nestlé Hospital university clinic in Lausanne.

The Neutral Commission awarded 75 victims indemnities totalling DM 2,085,000. This brought to DM 28,515,000 the total of assistance which the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has paid to Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments on the basis of the Neutral Commission's decisions.

### **Booklet "Rights and Duties of Nurses"**

In its desire to spread as much as possible knowledge of the Geneva Conventions among nursing personnel, the ICRC has published a booklet entitled *Rights and Duties of Nurses under the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949*. It is available in a pocket-size edition, bound in a plastic cover, and has been reprinted several times since it came out in July 1969. Already 17,345 copies have been sold: 3,421 in French, 7,236 in German, 3,980 in English, and 2,708 in Spanish.

The booklet contains in summarized form some extracts from the four Geneva Conventions which concern more directly medical personnel (provisions in cases of armed conflict and in peacetime).

It has been translated by the ICRC into English, Spanish and German. The Czechoslovak Red Cross and Finnish Red Cross have each brought out an edition in Czech and Finnish respectively and the Lebanese Red Cross has prepared a version in Arabic.<sup>1</sup> In addition, other Red Cross National Societies are studying the possibility of having the booklet translated and printed in the language of their own country.

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<sup>1</sup> See *International Review*, February, 1971.