

ANNUAL REPORT 1971

As usual, the International Committee has published a report, with illustrations, reviewing its activities over the past year.¹

The numerous and varied activities are summarized in the first three parts, while the fourth part is devoted to the ICRC's financial position and the Special Funds which it administers. Under the heading "Operations", there is an account of the institution's activities in Africa, Latin America, Europe, North America, the Middle East and Asia, where its operations in Vietnam and on the Asian sub-continent called for widespread action.

One section describes the work of specialized ICRC services such as the Central Tracing Agency, the International Tracing Service, Delegation Servicing, the War Disablement Section and the Telecommunication Service. The work of the Relief Section is also described, and tables summarize the relief supplies distributed or forwarded by the ICRC in 1971.

The Report summarizes the action undertaken in the field of international humanitarian law and in the dissemination of the Geneva Conventions and information. The work of the Legal Division is given particularly close attention. There is an account of the Conferences of Red Cross Experts and Government Experts, held in The Hague and Geneva last year, the preparation of which was the main concern of the Legal Division which drafted the necessary documents.

¹ *Annual Report 1971*, ICRC, Geneva 1972, 124 pages. This report, published in English, French, Spanish and German, is obtainable from the ICRC at Sw. Fr. 10.— a copy.