

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Greece**

On May 1st, Mr. Germain Colladon, delegate of the International Committee, went to Athens to examine with the authorities and the Hellenic Red Cross various humanitarian problems arising from the recent events in Greece.

Soon after his arrival, he was received in audience by Mr. Kollias, President of the Council of Ministers, and was authorized to visit recently arrested persons and inspect detention conditions.

He came back to Geneva at the end of the month then returned to Greece to continue his mission.

With the agreement of the authorities and the support of the Hellenic Red Cross, he was able to visit nearly all persons arrested in connection with the recent events. He went in particular to the Island of Ghioura where the majority of internees are to be found and during the course of a four-day visit he spoke freely without witnesses with many of them.

Mr. Colladon's findings during his mission are contained in a report which the ICRC has transmitted to the authorities in Athens.

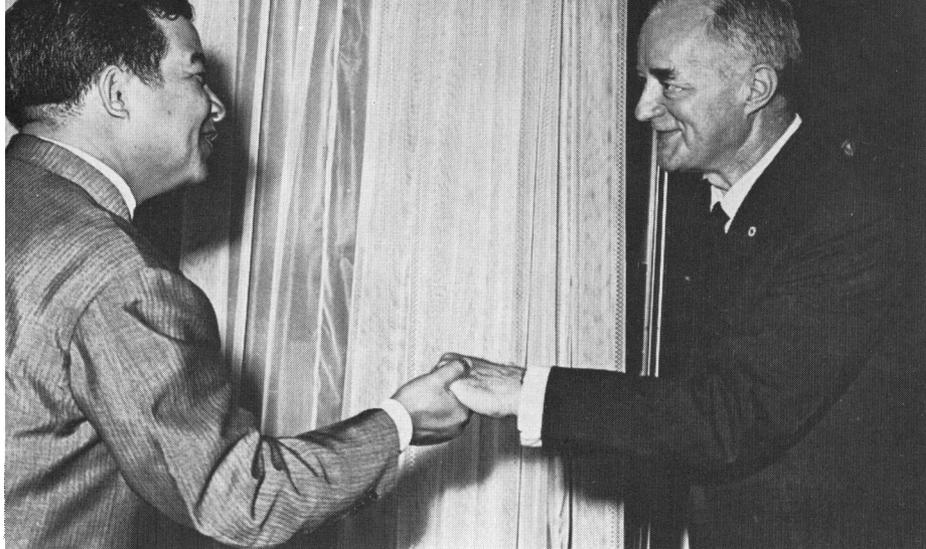
In agreement with the Hellenic Red Cross, the International Committee of the Red Cross is supplying indigent internees and families deprived of male support, relief of which they may be in need. It is taking delivery in Geneva of donations in cash and in kind which, in co-operation with the Hellenic Red Cross, the ICRC delegate is distributing accordingly.



Vietnamese  
children

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Swiss Red Cross





**Cambodia:** H.R.H. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Head of the State (left) grants an audience to Mr. A. Durand, ICRC Delegate General for Asia.

**Laos:** Mrs. Noupbat Chounramany of the Laotian Red Cross distributing relief supplies from the ICRC and the League.



## ICRC President in the United States and Canada

After visiting the United States, Mr. Gonard went to Canada and, on May 8, 1967, attended the official World Red Cross Day ceremony at the Montreal World Exhibition. We shall refer to this event later. Mr. Gonard was accompanied by Mrs. Gonard and by Mr. P. Basset, Assistant Director.

In New York he was received at the United Nations headquarters by U. Thant, U.N. Secretary-General. In Washington he met several senior officials of the United States.

His voyage then took him to Ottawa, where he had an interview with the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs; accompanied by Mrs. Gonard, he then visited Regional Sections of the Canadian Red Cross in Vancouver, Toronto and other towns. This National Society's fine work is well known and a recent article in the *International Review* described for our readers its signal service in the field of blood transfusion.<sup>1</sup> Enthusiasm in Canada for the Red Cross idea is illustrated by the fact that there are two million Red Cross volunteers in Canada, out of a total population of 20 million.

Mr. Gonard whilst in Montreal attended a meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Central Committee, when he presented Miss Alice Girard the Florence Nightingale Medal which had just been awarded to her by the ICRC, and delivered an address on the Geneva institution's present-day tasks.

## Japan

The 147th and 148th vessels transporting Koreans wishing to leave Japan for North Korea left Niigata respectively on March 24, 1967 with 118 passengers and on April 21 with 162 persons on board.

This departure brings to 87,267 the total number of Koreans repatriated since December 1959 under the auspices of the Japanese Red Cross and in the presence of delegates of the International Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> March, 1967.

## **Aden**

The head of the mission of the ICRC in the Arab peninsula, Mr. André Rochat, went to Aden from April 24 to May 1 accompanied by Mr. Jacques Ruff who had come from Geneva, having been called upon to replace the head of the ICRC mission in that part of the world for several months.

The two ICRC representatives made further visits in prisons in Aden to detainees prosecuted as a result of the events.

## **South Africa**

Since the beginning of April, Mr. G. C. Senn, ICRC delegate, has been carrying out another mission in South Africa. He has been granted every facility by the government to inspect any prisons he chooses and to interview detainees without witnesses.

The first prison Mr. Senn visited was on Robben Island, near the Cape. He was there four days, accompanied by a liaison officer, during which time he had private talks with political detainees, penal law prisoners, and patients in the prison hospital. He also inspected three work centres connected with the prison, one a stone quarry, one a limestone quarry and the third extracting and processing sea-weed. Mr. Senn's inspection tour of prisons and other detention centres is continuing.

## **Haiti**

Two Italians who had been in detention for a fortnight in Port-au-Prince were released following intervention on their behalf by Dr. Victor Laroche, President of the Haiti Red Cross. They left the prison in good health and returned home immediately. The ICRC was informed of this favourable outcome by the Italian Ambassador at Port-au-Prince, who spoke highly of the Haiti Red Cross and its dedicated President.

## **Cambodia**

On April 4, 1967, H.R.H. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, granted an audience to Mr. André Durand,

delegate general of the International Committee for Asia.<sup>1</sup> The ICRC representative who has established himself at Phnom-Penh, continues to help the work of the Cambodian Red Cross on behalf of Vietnamese refugees in Cambodia.

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## IN GENEVA

### A further film on Vietnam

A film called " Presence of the Red Cross in Vietnam " produced by the ICRC Information Department, is now available in French, English and German. It shows, in approximately twenty minutes, the healing influence of the Red Cross against the devastating background of war.

In addition to the moving " shots " taken in camps for prisoners of war or refugees, the film shows episodes in the work of the medical team sent by the Swiss Red Cross in a hospital in the mountains of central Vietnam. The activities of the Swiss Red Cross, the Vietnamese Red Cross and the ICRC delegates also come vividly to light especially in the Disablement Centre in Saigon, where, thanks to the unstinting contributions of the " World's Rehabilitation Fund ", the British organization " War-on-Want " and the American and Swiss Red Cross, some thirty to fifty disabled are given treatment and fitted with artificial limbs. The pictures taken amongst them give a particularly striking impression of the sufferings of war which men of goodwill are attempting to alleviate.

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<sup>1</sup> *Plate.* The Head of State of Cambodia granting an audience to the ICRC's delegate general for Asia.