ICRC financial situation in 1969

I. Balance sheet

1.1 ICRC accounts (Table Ia)

A feature of the 1969 balance sheet of the ICRC is the increase in the deficits of its "relief action" accounts. These rose from 2,163,705 francs at the end of 1968 to 6,468,054 francs at the end of 1969, i.e. an increase of 4,304,349 francs. Details of expenditure, with comparable 1968 figures, are as follows:

				Deft	cit
				at end of	at end of
				1969	1968
Action in Yemen				1,707,513.—	838,548.—
Action in Vietnam				1,299,475.—	459,862
Action in Middle East .				2,792,775.—	865,295.—
Action in Aden				343,769.—	—.—
Action in Greece				279,122.—	
Action for textbook				45,400	
				6,468,054.—	2,163,705.—

As a counterpart, advances granted by the Swiss Confederation rose from 1,820,000 francs at the end of 1968 to 6,340,000 francs at the end of 1969.

The lay-out of the balance sheet has been slightly modified with regard to the one for 1968; fiduciary funds, as well as sureties, have been entered separately, and are not included in the balance sheet total.

1.2 Nigeria relief action accounts (Table Ib)

Although this action constitutes an integral part of ICRC activities, it has assumed such vast proportions that a separate account of its assets and liabilities has been found to be necessary. Therefore a separate balance sheet, giving the provisional position as at 31 December 1969, is shown in Table Ib.

A second statement of the balance sheet and of the definite results of the action will be published in the course of 1970 in a special report dealing with the overall activities deployed for over 15 months by all those who had collaborated in the action co-ordinated by the ICRC.

II. Statement of expenditure and income

2.1 ICRC Regular Budget (Table IIa)

Since 1966, the ICRC has gradually modified its internal structure, especially through a marked expansion in the qualified personnel which is required for carrying out the ever more complex and numerous tasks arising from the international situation and falling upon its shoulders. Moreover, the ICRC feels obliged to be present in a permanent capacity in several areas of the third world where the development of Red Cross activities has assumed very great significance. This has been reflected in the regular budget by an increase in expenditure, which has risen from a total of 4,752,213 francs in 1966 to 6,243,438 francs in 1968 and 7,009,101 francs in 1969. This represents a rise of 12 per cent for the year 1969 as compared with the preceding year.

The numerous resolutions adopted by the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross, held at Istanbul in September 1969, have still further increased the tasks of the ICRC, whose 1970 budget includes expenses totalling 7,672,000 francs.

It is essential that Governments should continue to be ever more attentive to the problem of regular financial contributions to the ICRC, by contributing amounts in proportion to the effort

demanded. In this connection, Resolution VIII of the last International Conference at Istanbul:

"appeals urgently to all Governments signatories to the Geneva Conventions to increase considerably their regular financial contribution to the ICRC so that in 1970 total contributions will be double the amount contributed in 1969...

"asks each Government and National Society which has so far not joined in this common effort to do so by contributing substantially from 1970 onwards."

In 1969, Government contributions received by the ICRC did not reach the level attained in 1968, which included 158,910 francs of contributions in respect of 1967. The real increase in Government contribution for 1969 amounts to 26,866 francs, equal to a percentage increase of 0.63 while National Society contributions rose by 4.55 per cent. If these rates are compared to the rate of expansion in ICRC activities which is certainly not less than 10 per cent, then the effort that must be exerted in 1970 emerges very clearly.

On the other hand, thanks to measures that were taken relative to financial management which coincided fortunately with a larger amount of working capital as well as with higher short-term interest rates, income rose from 335,339 francs in 1968 to 557,564 francs in 1969, thus giving rise to a supplementary flow of income which was as welcome as it was unexpected. But, such a situation cannot be expected to recur every year and it cannot be taken into consideration to any extent when making estimates for future income.

2.2. Relief Action in Nigeria (Table IIb)

Pending the publication of the definite figures relative to this action, we have thought that it might be useful to set out known figures for expenditure and income, as at the end of 1969, and, parallel with them, those for 1968.

These figures are solely in respect of the financial cost of the action co-ordinated by the ICRC, and do not include the value of gifts in kind, services rendered by personnel, and material

assistance supplied free of charge by Governments, National Red Cross Societies and other institutions, and which amount, according to a preliminary estimate, to a total of over 350 million francs for the whole period of the relief operation.

A statistical study is being undertaken, in collaboration with all contributors, in order to determine the exact value of donated goods and services. Results will be published during the second half of 1970.

2.3. Other relief actions (Table IIc)

Expenditure and income appearing in the regular budget represent only a part of the activities carried out during the year under review. There should be added, to these figures, expenditure and income relative to relief actions, or special actions such as that for the textbook, which are financed either by extraordinary contributions and sums allocated to them by the ICRC from the Relief Action Fund whose source of income is the annual public collection in Switzerland, or by allocations made from income derived from the Benedict Fund, named after its testator, Mrs. Clare R. Benedict.

The main financial support for these relief actions is provided by the advances granted to the ICRC by the Swiss Confederation to enable it to meet its obligations. Out of a total credit of 10 million francs, granted in March 1968, the ICRC had utilized, up to the end of 1969, a sum of 6,340,000 francs for relief action in Yemen, Vietnam, the Middle East, Greece and Aden, and for the textbook campaign. In addition, the sum of 3,160,000 francs had been kept in reserve during 1969 for action in Nigeria and will be utilized in 1970 for those other relief actions mentioned above.

III. Other Accounts

Tables IV and V concern the Special Funds managed by the ICRC; their expenditure and income do not call for any special comments.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

	1	1
ASSETS	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
1. Liquid assets		
1.1. Cash in hand, in banks and postal accounts		1,262,785.—
2. Current assets		
2.1. Public securities 2.2. Other securities 2.3. Accounts receivable: — Governments — National Red Cross Societies and other institutions — Sundry debtors	6,809,152.— 453,013.— 1,073,040.— 125,099.— 795,581.—	
2.4. Accruals and prepaid expenses	211,372.—	9,467,257.—
3. FIXED ASSETS 3.1. Relief supplies	229,109.— 207,000.—	436,109.—
4. ADVANCES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES 4.1. Missions and delegations		310,739.—
5. DEFICIT ON RELIEF AND OTHER ACTIONS 5.1. Yemen 5.2. Vietnam 5.3. Middle East 5.4. Aden 5.5. Greece 5.6. Textbook Total	1,707,513.— 1,299,475.— 2,792,775.— 343,769.— 279,122.— 45,400.—	6,468,054.— 17,944,944.—
6. Funds held in trust		1
 6.1. Pseudo-medical experiments, funds to be transferred	2,094,820.— 511,561.—	2,606,381.—
7. Surety		
7.1. Foundation for the organization of ICRC transports		400,000.—

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Table Ia

		
LIABILITIES	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
1. Short-term liabilities		·
1.1. Accounts payable: — Governments	1,022.— 161,290.— 1,238,757.— 181,456.—	1,582,525.—
2. Other debts		
2.1. Advance granted by the Swiss Confederatio for relief actions	n •	6,340,000.—
3. Provisions and Reserve Funds		
3.1. Provisions: — for various expenses	· 256,446.— · 327,290.—	583,736.—
3.2. Funds for relief actions: — unappropriated funds (Swiss national publicollection) — relief actions under way	c . 1,176,037.— . 615,833.—	1,791,870.—
3.3. Capital Reserve funds: — General reserve		
- Reserve for actions in the event of a general conflict	2,646,813.— 5,000,000.—	7,646,813.—
Total	•	17.944,944.—
4. Funds held in trust		
4.1. Pseudo-medical experiments, funds to be transferred	. 2,094,820.—	2,606,381
5. Surety		
5.1. Foundation for the organization of ICRC transports		400,000

RELIEF ACTION BALANCE SHEET AS AT

ASSETS	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
1. Liquid assets		
1.1. Postal accounts and Cash in Bank		1,836,218.37
2. Other assets		
2.1. Banks	3,160.000.— 93,253.40 28,552.02	3,281,805.42
3. Advances for current expenses 3.1. Missions and Delegations		470,558.90
4. Relief action costs remaining to be covered Total		1,470,349.61 7,058,932.30

IN NIGERIA

Table Ib

31 DECEMBER 1969

LIABILITIES	Sw.Fr.	
1. Current Liabilities		Sw.Fr.
1.1. Accounts payable	3,612,853.82 54,550.10	3,667,403.92
2. Other debts		
2.1. Advance granted by the Swiss Confederation for relief action	3,930,000,— 770,000,—	3,160,000.—
3. Other commitments		
3.1. Relief action (vaccination) under way		231,528.38
Total		7,058,932.30

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

	Sw.Fr.
EXPENDITURE	
I. Activities abroad	
(delegations and missions, relief programmes, Central Tracing Agency) 1. Staff at ICRC headquarters, Geneva	1,399,782.— 428,828.— 91,627.— 645,580.— 239,208.— 2,805,025.—
II. HUMANITARIAN LAW AND INFORMATION	
(Geneva Conventions and humanitarian law, information, publications, translations, archives)	1,296,277.— 80,400.— 87.390.— 97,705.— 1,561,772.—
III Administration	
(General administrative services, finance and accounting, personnel and travel, technical services, premises)	
 Staff at ICRC headquarters, Geneva Technical equipment Administrative expenses Provision for share price fluctuations Buildings Pensions insurance and social security charges 	1,032,567.— 98,262.— 410,760.— 275,000.— 220,453.— 605,262.—
Total expenditure	7,009,101,—

OF THE RED CROSS

AND INCOME FOR 1969

Table IIa

	Sw.Fr.
INCOME	
I. CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS TOWARDS THE FINANCING OF FIXED COSTS 1. Government contributions	4,286,586.— 639,966.— 574,591.—
II. Interest on investments and sundry income 1. Income from securities and interest on bank deposits 2. Income from the Foundation for the ICRC	488,907.— 41,968.—
3. Sundry income	26,689.— 557,564.— 428,828.—
Total income	6,487,535
DEFICIT	
Written off from General Reserve	521,566.— 7,009,101.—

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME OF RELIEF ACTION IN NIGERIA, 1969

	Nigeria	Secessionist area	Total
EXPENDITURE	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
Staff salaries, travel expenses and allowances, all risks insurances	3,744,091.—	5,692,419.—	9,436,510.—
Local staff (locally-recruited labour)	1,701,582.—	428,525.—	2,130,107.—
Delegation overheads	1,364,191.—	1,200,164.—	2,564,355.—
Equipment and outlays for delegations .	381,080.—	1,091,296.—	1,472,376.—
Equipment and outlays for transport and distribution of relief supplies	3,423,117.—	5,496,271	8,919,388.—
Cost of transport and distribution	8,716,462.—	42,883,789.—	51,600,251.—
ICRC special expenses	1,269,601.—		1,269,601.—
Purchase of relief supplies (food and medical supplies)	11,180,969.—	10,675,483.—	21,856,452.—
Special actions (stockfish, vaccination programme, coasting vessels)	3,636,954.—	3,820,075.—	7,457,029.—
	35,418,047.—	71,288,022.—	106,706,069.—
INCOME			
Contributions from Governments			84,692,463.—
Contributions from National Red Cross Socie	ties		3,058,658.—
Contributions from Organizations and privat	e sources		7,184,776.—
Funds received for financing special actions .			9,481,607.—
Other income			850,112.— 105,267,616.—
Excess of expenditure over income for 1969.			1,438,453.—
Excess of expenditure over income brought f	orward from 1968	3	31,896.—
Excess of expenditure over income at 31 Dec	ember 1969		1,470,349.—

ANALYSIS OF RELIEF AND OTHER ACTION EXPENDITURE

	Yemen	Vietnam	Middle East	Aden	Greece	Textbook
D	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
ance, etc.)	398,950.—	722,884.—	1,421,732.—	477,068.—	83,606.—	3,910.—
Delegation overheads	90,534.—	115,886.—	469,712.—	67,002.—	87,055.—	24,118.—
Equipment and outlays	681,11	843.—	92,628.—	I	108,461.—	I
Relief supplies distributed	348,673.—	-	293,919.—	124,870.—		i
ICRC special expenses	(25,613)	1	55,360.—	1	1	90,662.—
Transfer	210,283.—	l		(210,283.—)	1	1
Total Expenditure	1,034,016.—	839,613.—	2,333,351.—	458,657.—	279,122.—	:069'811
Donations	(165,051.—)	1	(116,535.—)	(57,444.—)	ļ	1
Benedict Fund	1	I	(172,800.—)	1	I	
Relief actions fund	-	1	(116,535.—)	(57,444.—)	l	
Provision			1	1	1	(73,290.—)
Deficit brought forward from 1968	868,965.— 838,548.—	839,613.— 459,862.—	1,927,481.— 865,294.—	343,769.—	279,122.—	45,400.—
Totals, as shown in the Balance Sheet	1,707,513.—	1,299,475.—	2,792,775.—	343,769.—	279,122.—	45,400.—
Advances from Swiss Confederation (1,920,000.—) (1,250,000.—) (2,650,000.—)	(1,920,000.—)	(1,250,000.—)	(2,650,000.—)		(270,000.—) (250,000.—)	(250,000.—)

Contributions to the ICRC in 1969, from Governments Financing of

Countries	Governments	Red Cross Societies
	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
Albania	71,730.— 25,035.— 10,830.—	700 37,500 15,000 ¹ 12,500
Brazil Bulgaria Burma Cambodia Cameroon	12,960 6,400 3,875	4,500.— 3,000.— 4,000.—
Canada	80,500.— 3,150.— 8,640.—	40,200.— 4,280.—
Colombia Congo (Kinshasa) Costa Rica Cyprus Czechoslovakia	14,310.— 8,660.— — 1,530.—	4,965.— — 480.— — 3,000.—
Denmark	57,500.— 6,530.—²	4,000.— 2,750.— 2,950.— 3,000.—
Finland France German Democratic Republic German Federal Republic Ghana	13,380.— 151,720.— 9,000.— 215,300.— 5,157.— ³	3,000.— 41,000.— 6,000.— 42,500.—
Greece Guyana Haiti Honduras	18,000.— — — 4.320.—	12,000.— 2,000.— 2,160.—
Hungary	3,000.—4 2,500.— 44,800.— 15,000.— 20,000.—	3,980.— 2,000.— 3,426.— ⁵ 3,250.— 13,000.—
Iraq	7,500.— 86,440.— 3,200.— ⁶	3,500.— 3,500.— —
Jamaica Japan Jordan Jordan Kenya Korea, Democratic People's Republic	2,585.— 64,800.— 4,520.—	13,500.— ⁷ 2,091.— ⁸
of	30,000.—	3,000.—° 6,000.— —

Table III and National Red Cross Societies, allocated to the Expenditure in 1969.

Countries		Governments	Red Cross Societies
		Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
Lebanon		17,300.—	2,500.—
Liberia			2,160
Liechtenstein			3,250.—
Luxembourg		2,000.—	5,000
Malagasy Republic		1,935	
Mali			2,000
Mexico		17,280	·
Monaco		4,400.—	3,000.—
Morocco		15.080	·
Nepal		4,000.—10	-
Netherlands		25,000.—11	30,000
New Zealand		28,600	10,000.—
Nicaragua		4,320.—	-
Nigeria		6,000.—	2,500.—
Norway		20,000.—	-
Peru			7,100.— ¹⁸
Philippines		15,000	10,750.—
Poland		15,000.—	8,000
Portugal		15,000.—	
Romania		3,000	10,000.—
San Marino		2,500.—	2,500
Saudi Arabia		13,000.—	
Senegal			4,001.— ¹³
Sierra Leone		11,969.—14	
South Africa, Republic of	of	48,320.—	15,000.—
Spain		02.550	18,35015
Sweden		83,570.—	10,000.—
Switzerland		2,500,000.—	2 500
Syria		1,700.—	2,500.—
Tanzania		18.000.—	6,000
		1,550.—	0,000
Togo		2.160.—	
		2,100	3,000.—
Tunisia		9.650.—	15,540.—16
Uganda		2,980.— ¹⁷	13,540
United Arab Republic .		39,900.—	
United Kingdom		103,715.—	30,885
United States		216,000.—	108,000.—
Upper Volta			— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
U.S.S.R			16,200.—
Venezuela		19,450	·
Yugoslavia		2,500	3,000
Exchange difference		835.—	(2)
		4,286,586.—	639,966.—
ı			
In respect of 1968:	1. 10,000 2. 5,342	7. 13,500 8. 1,191 9. 1,000 10. 2,000	13. 2,001 14. 2,564 15. 5,850 16. 1,040 17. 2,980
	3. 5,157	9. 1,000	15. 5,850
	4. 2,000	10. 2,000 11. 10,000	16. 1,040
	5. 1,713 6. 1,600	11. 10,000 12. 3,550	17. 2,980
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Table IV

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

SPECIAL FUND FOR RELIEF ACTIONS

	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr.
Summary of movements in 1969		
1. Balance carried forward from 31 December 1968		2,367,650.—
2. Receipts in 1969:		
2.1. Net product of public collection in Switzerland 2.2. Other donations for specific actions	899,531.— 205,314.—¹	1,104,845.— 3,472,495.—
3. Expenditure in 1969:		
3.1. Purchases and forwarding and distribution costs 3.2. Contribution to the expenses of the Central Tracing Agency	1,680,625.—1	1,680,625.—
4. Balance as at 31 December 1969		1,791,870.—

¹ Not including relief action in Nigeria.

Table V

SPECIAL FUNDS

1. FOUNDATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1969

Assets		CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	
	Sw.Fr.		Sw.Fr.
Public securities, nominal value: - Swiss Funds (market		Inalienable capital	1,028,252.52
value Fr. 849,800.—) 915,000.—		- Statutory allocation of	
- Foreign Funds (market value Fr. 182,300.—) 172,410.—	1,087,410.—	15% of net revenue in 1969	175,087.85
Deposit with Swiss National Bank, Geneva	141,961.32	Total value of capital	1,203,340.37
Amounts receivable: - Administration fédérale des contributions, Berne (tax paid in advance, to be refunded) 10,912.50		International Committee of the Red Cross: funds in current account	41,968.25
- German Federal Govern- ment (tax deducted at source, to be refunded) 5,024.80	15,937.30		
	1,245,308.62		1,245,308.62

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1969

Expenditure		RECEIPTS	
	Sw.Fr.		Sw.Fr.
Fees for safe keeping of securities, auditors' fees	894.—	Income from securities in 1969	50,268.50
Statutory allocation to inalienable reserve fund: 15% of net revenue in 1969 (Art. 8 of the Statutes)	7,406.25		
Allocation to the ICRC of balance of net revenue for 1969 (Art. 7 of the Statutes)	41,968.25		
	50,268.50	_	50,268.50

2. AUGUSTA FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1969

Assets	CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES
Sw.Fr. Sw.Fr Swiss Government Securities nominal value (market value	Sw.Fr. Inalienable capital 100,000.— Reserve for fluctuation in value 18,318.45
Fr. 103,120.—) 108,000.— Other Swiss securities (market value Fr. 22,230.—) 18,930.45 126,930.4. Cash in banks 6,964.86	r Creditors (anocations to be
Administration fédérale des contributions, Berne (tax paid in advance to be refunded)	· (

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1969

Brought forward from 31 December 1968	Sw.Fr.	Sw.Fr. 3,158.95
Income from securities in 1969	3,544.90 8,218.15	11,763.05 14,922.—
Less: Auditors' fee	180.— 100.80	280.80
Balance available at 31 December 1969		14,641.20
allocated to the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund, pursuant to Resolution VI of the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross.		

3. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1969

Assets	Sw.Fr.	Capital and Liabilities Sw.Fr.
Swiss Government securities, nominal value (market value	OW.11.	Capital
Sw.fr. 28,640.—)	32,000.—	Reserve:
Deposit at Swiss National Bank, Geneva	2,392.85	- Balance brought forward from 1968 9,602.85
Administration fédérale des contributions (tax paid in advance, to be refunded) . Augusta Fund	288.— 14,641.20	- Excess receipts over expenditure in 1969 . 14,719.20 24,322.05
	49,322.05	49,322.05

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1969

Expenditure		RECEIPTS	
	Sw.Fr.		Sw.Fr.
Cost and engraving of silver		Income from securities in 1969	960.—
medals	470.—	Transfer of balance at	*
Packing	202.—	31 December 1969, from Augusta Fund Receipts and	
Fees for auditors, safekeeping of securities, etc	210.—	Expenditure Account, pursuant to Resolution VI of	
Excess of receipts over expen-		the XXIst International	44444
diture in 1969	14,719.20	Conference of the Red Cross	14,641.20
	15,601.20		15,601.20

4. THE CLARE R. BENEDICT FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1969

(EXPRESSED IN US\$: APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED)

Assets	LIABILITIES
US\$	US\$
Securities 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Capital 1,000,000.—
(market value: US\$ 949,136.—) 1,029,383.—	Reserve for fluctuation in share
Cash in bank	values 48,153.—
	Accounts payable 650.—
	Excess of income over expenditure
1,104,497.—	1,104,497.—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1969

Expenditure	US\$	RECEIPTS	US\$
Fees for safekeeping and sundry expenses	3,529.—	Income from securities Interest on bank deposits	55,798.— 3,281.—
Excess of receipts over expenditure for 1969	55,694.— 59,223.—	Balance brought forward from 1968 of unappropriated income	144.— 59,223.—

According to the rules of the Fund, the 1969 income has been used for the benefit of war victims, appropriations to relief programmes in 1970 being as follows: \$30,000 for actions in Israel-controlled territories; \$25,000 for disabled Yemenites (artificial limb workshop); \$694 carried forward.