

*EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES***Vietnam**

Extending its sphere of activity on behalf of prisoners and internees in Vietnam, the International Committee of the Red Cross had occasion to visit a transit camp in the Da Nang area. This was the first time that the representatives of the ICRC were admitted to a camp of this nature, in which civilians arrested during military operations are interned for brief periods, before being either released or sent on to other camps for detention of a longer duration.

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The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), which is represented by a delegation in South Vietnam, has approached the International Committee of the Red Cross with a view to sending a contribution to the victims of bombing in North Vietnam. This amounts to 4000 dollars which will be used to purchase medical relief.

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The ICRC has just received from the Central Committee of the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam a letter acknowledging receipt of 121 packages of medicines and blood plasma, donated by the Swiss Medical Centre and the Swiss Red Cross. This communication from Hanoi asks the ICRC to transmit the thanks of the North Vietnam Red Cross and states that all the donations sent to it so far have served to alleviate the suffering of the victims of events.

## **Indonesia**

During a recent journey in Indonesia, Mr. André Durand, delegate general of the ICRC for Asia, together with Mr. Tirtopramono, visited the island of Lombok where the inhabitants of various regions are suffering from famine.

On this occasion he went to the prison at Mataram, the island's capital, to visit detainees arrested as a result of the troubles in the autumn of 1965.

## **South Arabia**

The head of the mission of the ICRC in the Arab Peninsula, Mr. André Rochat, went to Aden where the authorities had agreed to his making further visits to places of detention. He was thus able to penetrate the prisons of Mansoura and Fort Morbut, in which are incarcerated a certain number of persons suspected of terrorist activities. He spoke direct and in private with several prisoners and inquired into their detention conditions.

During his stay in Aden, Mr. Rochat also met Mr. Roderick Bowen, special representative sent by the British Government to the spot to investigate arrests, interrogations and the imprisonment of presumed terrorists.

## **Yemen**

As peace has not really been restored in the Yemen and as the situation as regards medical facilities is still disturbing, the International Committee of the Red Cross has resumed its medical action in that country. It has already sent out two medical teams, each consisting of one doctor and two nurses, which are now working in the North-East and North-West of the Yemen. Two further teams will go out to step up this activity.

The total lack in this northern sector of the country of any medical or hospital service makes the task facing the ICRC medical teams a very heavy one. At present each team examines an average

of one hundred persons a day. They have large stocks of medical supplies which are administered to patients free of charge ; the services of doctors and nurses are of course also gratis.

### **Sub-Equatorial Africa**

Mr. Georg Hoffmann, delegate general of the ICRC for Africa, visited Accra, the capital of Ghana where he made various contacts in connection with the recent events. He then went to Lagos (Nigeria) where he enquired into the situation as a result of the troubles mentioned in the world press.

### **In Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia**

Mr. Pierre Gaillard, ICRC delegate, visited each of these countries where, in conjunction with the National Society Presidents and the various government departments concerned, he examined the practical aspects of following up certain resolutions adopted by the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, particularly those affecting the dissemination of knowledge on the Geneva Conventions among the armed forces, the medical and nursing professions and in schools.

He was able to observe the variety and effectiveness of the work carried out by the National Societies and wherever he went the problem of disseminating knowledge on the Geneva Conventions was the subject of discussion on the radio, television and in the press, with participation, together with Mr. Gaillard, by the Presidents of the Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Red Crescent Societies.