

Account is also given of new tasks and of those which are being extended further. For example, the National Society is concerning itself with reorganising the Junior Red Cross whose new head has already made contact with all the schools in the capital and with various departments which might themselves be in a position to help in drawing up a first project, that of arranging for travel into the interior. Furthermore, 150 young, both boys and girls, have attended courses in first-aid, life-saving and nautical training for which they have obtained diplomas.

The Dominican Republic has increasing need of people with a knowledge of treating the sick of hygiene, of public health and home-care. The National Society is fully aware of this fact and it has consequently increased the number of courses in that sphere and a registered nurse is now in charge of the home-care section. She will herself be attending a course at Managua, Nicaragua, so as to be able to give instruction in the subject to female voluntary workers.

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### India

An article in the May issue of the *International Review* was devoted to the XXth award of the Florence Nightingale Medal. It mentioned that this medal was awarded to one of India's nurses in 1965, namely Miss Florence St.Claire Watkins. The presentation took place recently so that we were not previously able to give an account of that ceremony. We did describe the medalist's merits and we therefore need not repeat her citation.

On April 26, 1966, the President of India, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, presented the medal to Miss Watkins during the National Society's General Meeting which took place at the Presidential Palace in New Delhi <sup>1</sup>. The noble personality of he who presented the medal and the signal services rendered by the recipient gave added dignity to the ceremony.

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<sup>1</sup> *Plate* : The President of India presenting the Florence Nightingale Medal to Miss Watkins.



**INDIA** The President of India, Dr. Radhakrishnan, presenting the Florence Nightingale Medal to Miss Watkins (on right, Maj. Gen. C. K. Lakshmanan, Secretary-General of the Indian Red Cross).

**SWITZERLAND** Centenary of the Swiss Red Cross: Mr. von Albertini, President, delivering an address.

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