ANGLAIS
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS RELIEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies issue the following communication:

Mr. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Mr. Basil O'Connor, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, announce that with a view to implementing the recommendations of the XVIIth International Red Cross Conference at Stockholm the two organizations have developed a working plan for relief in the Middle East.

This plan, designed to spread and extend Red Cross assistance to the victims of warfare, is synchronised with the general relief scheme being developed by Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator for Palestine.

In this coordinated action, the International Committee of the Red Cross will continue its already extensive activities in behalf of civilians in the Palestine area and will have sole responsibility for the distribution of Red Cross relief in that region. The League of Red Cross Societies, acting for the 66 national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, will coordinate Red Cross relief shipments to the areas which are outside the fighting zones and where national Societies are already functioning.

It is emphasized that the International Committee of the Red Cross will pursue unchanged its traditional activities in behalf of prisoners of war.
Red Cross asks for speed-up in relief for Palestine refugees

M. André François-Poncet, President of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Organisation, M. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross and M. B. de Rougé, representing Mr O'Connor, Chairman of the League of National Red Cross Societies, met in Geneva on February 2, to examine, amongst other matters, the reports received on the relief work undertaken in behalf of the Palestine refugees. This relief scheme was decided upon in principle by the United Nations at their last Assembly, who entrusted its general execution to the bodies constituting the International Red Cross, without prejudice to their autonomy.

MM. François-Poncet, Ruegger and de Rougé noted that, in spite of numerous, practical, moral and psychological difficulties, the work had started and was progressing satisfactorily. They felt it their duty, however, to recommend that Governments who had agreed to cooperate in the scheme, should give their practical help at the earliest possible moment. The situation of the refugees is still critical; distress is acute and the needs immense. Lack of funds alone hampers and defers the purchase and issue of relief supplies, which are anxiously awaited by several hundred thousand homeless persons who are utterly destitute.
COMMUNIQUE

February 4, 1949

Red Cross asks for speed-up in relief for Palestine

refugees (Feb. 2, 1949)

Amendment.

Should the above release, dated February 2, 1949, not yet have been issued, it is requested that account be taken of the following amendment.

The second sentence of paragraph 1 should read as follows:

"This relief scheme was decided upon in principle by the United Nations at their last Assembly, who entrusted a large part of its execution to the bodies constituting the International Red Cross, without prejudice to their autonomy."
Geneva, August 3, 1949

Standing Commission
of the International Red Cross Conference

In conformity with the statutes of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross, MM. André François-Poncet (Chairman), Ali Rana Tarhan (Vice-Chairman) and T.W. Sloper (Executive Member) met in Geneva on August 2, together with the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, M. Paul Ruegger and the Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, M. Bonabes de Rougé, the latter acting as substitute for the Chairman of the League, Mr. Basil O'Connor.

Having heard detailed statements regarding the session of the Diplomatic Conference for the revision of the Geneva Conventions, the representatives of the Standing Commission, the International Committee and the League decided that the National Red Cross Societies and the public in general should be informed of the decisions made by the said Conference which were of particular interest to the Red Cross. The meeting then discussed various current questions relative to the position of the National Red Cross Societies, and gave particular attention to the problem of the refugees, both in Europe and elsewhere, who are in the greatest need; the meeting agreed on the urgent necessity of drawing attention to the position of the refugees in Greece and approved the steps already taken in this connection. Turning to the relief activities undertaken, at the request of the United Nations, by the International Committee and the League in Palestine, the meeting emphasized once more that immediate action in view of the repatriation of these refugees, or of their settlement in permanent homes, could alone help to solve this distressing problem.
Geneva, August 3, 1949

Standing Commission
of the International Red Cross Conference

In conformity with the instructions of the Standing
Commission of the International Red Cross, MM. André Frégeoze-
Fontecq (Chairman), W. Rens Tammes (Vice-Chairman), and T. W.
Sibree (Executive Member) met in Geneva on August 3rd together with the
President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, M.
Pant Henger, and the Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross
Societies, M. Ponsard de Rouge, to deliberate on the following
questions: 1. "Proposition for an International Red Cross
Commission on Geneva, M. Ponsard de Rouge,

Having heard general statements regading the session
of the Diplomatic Conference for the revision of the Geneva
Conference, the representatives of the Standing Commission, the
International Committee and the League General Council had
the pleasure of learning that the National
Red Cross Societies and the public at large agree on the
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Communiqué

Geneva, October 12, 1949

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMISSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met in plenary session at Geneva on October 11. Mr. André François-Poncet was in the Chair.

The Commission examined the present position of relief for Palestine refugees, and recognized that this relief should on no account cease during next winter.

Hence, the Red Cross will give a favourable reply to the request for its further cooperation, made by Mr. Trygve Lie, General Secretary of the United Nations.

The Standing Commission once more stressed the importance of a plan for the settlement of the refugees in permanent homes.

In the light of available information, the Standing Commission proposes that the next International Red Cross Conference should take place in Washington during the last three weeks of October, 1952.
Communique

Geneva, October 15, 1949

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMISSION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross
met in plenary session at Geneva on October 15, Mr. André Henle, President.


The Standing Commission once more expressed the importance of a plan for the settlement of the questions in Permanent Peace. In the light of available information, the Standing Commission proceeded first and fixed International Red Cross Centre.

Commemoration ceremony of the 15th anniversary of the First World War, which was held in Geneva on the last Friday of the month of October, 1949.
Geneva, March 10th, 1950

Repatriation of Greek Children

With the object of hastening the repatriation of Greek children, whose return was called for by their parents, and continuing the negotiations they had already undertaken the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies invited the National Red Cross Societies of the countries interested to Geneva on March 9 and 10 for an exchange of views which it was hoped might lead to a solution of this important problem.

These negotiations followed two resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations which were first addressed to the Governments with whom the Red Cross Societies remain in contact.

The Bulgarian, Rumanian and Czechoslovak Red Cross Societies refused the invitation. The Jugoslav Red Cross accepted in principle, but was not represented at the meeting. The Hungarian and the Polish Red Cross Societies did not make their decision known. The Greek Red Cross alone sent delegates from Athens to the meeting.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies are determined to continue their efforts to have the Greek children repatriated. They will thus pursue their attempts to accomplish the mandate entrusted to them by the Secretary General of the United Nations, in virtue of the two Resolutions unanimously adopted by the General Assembly, and will welcome every effort likely to hasten the solution of a problem considered of vital importance by both the International Red Cross and the United Nations Organization.
Geneva, May 11, 1950

Communiqué

STANDING COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met at Geneva on May 11, 1950, in plenary session, with H.E. Ali Rana TARHAN in the Chair.

In accordance with agreements between the United Nations and the International Red Cross, Relief to Palestine Refugees came to an end on April 30, 1950. Duly noting the positive results achieved in the work carried out, the Commission reiterated the hope that the refugees would soon be given permanent homes.

The Commission also noted the questions which had been discussed in the regular meetings between the Presidents of the International Red Cross bodies, as also between their Secretariats.

The Commission took note of arrangements already made by the American Red Cross for the next International Red Cross Conference, to take place in Washington in October 1952.
DES ENFANTS GRECS VONT REJOINDRE LEURS PARENTS EN AUSTRALIE

Un premier groupe de huit enfants grecs est arrivé le 23 mai, venant de Belgrade, à Zürich; il en repartira mercredi pour Rome où il sera rejoint par un deuxième groupe, d'égale importance, à la fin de ce mois. Ces deux groupes quitteront Rome par avion, au début de juin, pour l'Australie où ils seront accueillis en particulier par le Conseil australien pour le Service social international qui s'est occupé de rassembler les demandes des parents.

A la demande des Gouvernements australien et yougoslave et de la Croix-Rouge yougoslave, le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge et la Ligue des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge ont été chargés d'organiser le voyage par avion de ces enfants grecs dont les parents, domiciliés en Australie, ont demandé le retour au foyer.

Pour s'acquitter de cette tâche, les deux organisations internationales de la Croix-Rouge ont bénéficié de l'assistance de représentants australiens à Genève et à Rome, et du concours actif des Croix-Rouges yougoslave, suisse et italienne.

GREEK CHILDREN TO REJOIN THEIR PARENTS IN AUSTRALIA

A first group of eight Greek children arrived from Belgrade in Zurich, on Tuesday, May 23. They leave on Wednesday for Rome, where they will be joined at the end of the month by a second group of the same size. Both groups will leave Rome by air for Australia at the beginning of June, and their arrival will be attended by the Australian Council for International Social Service, which assisted in collecting the applications of the parents.

At the desire of the Australian and Jugoslav Governments and the Jugoslav Red Cross, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies have been asked to organise the passage to Australia, where the Greek parents will welcome the children back to their homes.

In making their arrangements, the two International Red Cross Organisations were greatly assisted by Australian representatives in Geneva and Rome, and by the active help of the Jugoslav, Swiss and Italian Red Cross Societies.

UBESSERTDIUng GRIECHISCHER KINDER ZU IHREN ELTERN NACH AUSTRALIEN

Eine erste Gruppe von acht griechischen Kindern traf am 23. Mai aus Belgrad in Zürich ein; sie fährt am Mittwoch nach Rom weiter, wo sich Ende dieses Monats eine zweite gleich starke Gruppe einfinden soll. Beide reisen Anfang Juni im Flugzeug von Rom nach Australien und werden dort vom Australischen Rat für Internationale Soziale Arbeit empfangen, der die Anträge der Eltern entgegengenommen hat.


Hierbei fanden beide internationale Organisationen des Roten Kreuzes bei den australischen Vertretern in Genf und in Rom, sowie beim jugoslavischen, schweizerischen und italienischen Roten Kreuz tatkräftige Unterstützung.
COMMUNITY

DEE ENNINE CREWS OR TRADING UNITS PARENTS IN AUSTRALIA

The breeding of cross breed ene ants are often very hot and the weather can be very unpredictable. It is important that we work to protect and care for these ants. As we know, the weather can change rapidly and affect the growth and health of our ants. It is important to ensure that we are providing them with the best possible care.

Greek Children to Return Their Parents in Australia

At the request of the Australian and Australian governments and the javelins of the Greek Cross, the International Committee of the Greek Cross and the leaders of Greek Cross societies have agreed to a passage of the javelin of the Greek Cross to

In order to promote the International Year of Australian Turtles in France, we have

Understanding Cross-Reference Knives in Three Different Ways in Australia

Understanding cross-reference knives is crucial in many different contexts. It helps us to understand the different types of knives and their uses. The most common types include utility knives, kitchen knives, and pocket knives. Each type has its own unique characteristics and uses.

I hope this information is helpful and gives you a better understanding of cross-reference knives.
COMMUNIQUE

Genève, le 24 juillet 1950

COMMISSION PERMANENTE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTERNATIONALE


Au cours de cette séance, les affaires dont sa préoccupation actuellement la Croix-Rouge internationale ont été examinées, notamment le développement de l'action entreprise pour le problème du repatriement des enfants grecs et les démarches faites par le CICR en Corée et aux Molukas du Sud, à la suite des événements qui s'y sont produits.

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STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The three Presidents of the International Red Cross, M. André François-Poncet, President of the Standing Committee, M. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and, replacing Mr. Basil O'Connor, Chairman of the League of Red Cross Societies, M. Georges Milsom, Under Secretary-General, met on Saturday, July 22, 1950, in Geneva.

The meeting discussed current affairs of the International Red Cross, particularly the efforts made to secure the repatriation of Greek children and the action taken by the International Committee in Korea and in the Southern Molukas, following recent events.

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STÄNDIGE KOMMISSION DES INTERNATIONALEN ROTEN KREUZES


Neben den laufenden Geschäften des Internationalen Roten Kreuzes wurden insbesondere behandelt die Weiterführung der Aktion zur Heimschaffung griechischer Kinder sowie die infolge der Ereignisse in Korea und in den Südmolukken unternommenen Schritte des Internationalen Komitees.
Geneva, November 27, 1950

COMMUNIQUE

Repatriation of Greek Children

As the press has already announced, twenty-one Greek children were repatriated to Greece from Jugoslavia on Saturday, November 25.

Colonel de Meyer, Delegate representing the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, was present at Thermalna Banja, where the children were handed over. He reports that they were brought the same evening to a home at Salonika, prepared for them by the Greek Red Cross, whose representatives were also present to welcome the children. The parents had been invited to Salonika to receive back their children, certain of whom, however, are with the parents' consent remaining for the moment at the home, for treatment or observation for suspected contagious infections.

The International Red Cross representative will remain with them until they return home.

Jugoslav Red Cross delegates have informed Colonel de Meyer that other Greek children will shortly be repatriated also.
Geneva, December 29, 1950

New Year's Message from the Red Cross

M. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in Geneva, and M. Emil Sandström, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, have broadcast a message to the world. The message was recorded in 14 languages and issued to 48 countries.

M. Ruegger's address is as follows:

"In the divided world of today, where a doubtful friend is too soon and easily taken for a certain enemy, there are some institutions which must at all cost be preserved. Among them is the Red Cross, a symbol of protest against injustice and violence, working for a world of humanity and understanding. This world must be built, and those who, in all lands, serve under the standard of the Red Cross are its unremitting artisans. It is the earnest and heartfelt wish of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in Geneva, that the year which opens before us should see new progress towards peace and tolerance throughout the world."

Speaking for the League of Red Cross Societies,

M. Sandström said:

"I address you, members and friends of the Red Cross in the various countries of the world, on behalf of our International Red Cross Federation, the League of Red Cross Societies. The purpose of the Red Cross has, from its inception less than a hundred years ago, been to alleviate the sufferings of mankind. Starting with the view of bringing relief to the sick and wounded on the battlefield, its sphere of activities has extended, and it wants to give a helping hand wherever suffering and distress prevail. The movement has spread all over the world and it now spans the globe. Red Cross Societies exist in 68 countries and embrace 100 million people. Its emblem and its work are known and venerated in the most remote places, and the world could certainly not do without the Red Cross. The sufferings in the world are immense. Most of the time, the needs are vastly greater than our means to meet them. But, if our present efforts do not suffice, that is no reason to despair. On the contrary, we must continue to improve and to extend the services of the Red Cross in all fields and in all countries. Here the League has an important part to play. We cannot alter the destinies of the people, but we can aid those in need of our help. That we must do to the limit of our strength. Thus, we contribute very actively to the understanding between the peoples and to the preservation of peace, the World's most fervent hope. Let this be the task of the League of Red Cross Societies and of all their members in the New Year."
New Year's Message from the League of Red Cross Societies

To the Members of the International Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies and All Members of the International Committee at Geneva:

M. Prantl, President of the International Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies, has been elected to the position of President of the International Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies. The message was received in the United Nations and issued to the members.

M. Prantl's address is as follows:

"Mr President, President of the International Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies, and Mr Prantl, President of the International Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies, have presented a message to the World. The message was received in the United Nations and issued to the members.

The members of the committee and the International Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies will send their best wishes to the new year."
Geneva, February 28, 1951*

DISPLACED GREEK CHILDREN

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies have informed the National Societies of the sustained efforts they have made over the last two years, in accordance with Resolutions (twice adopted unanimously) of the United Nations General Assembly, to deal with the problem of Displaced Greek Children.

Proposals with a view to speeding up repatriation have, since January 1949, been made on several occasions to the various countries where the children are at present living.

A practical opportunity was offered to the countries concerned for an exchange of views, especially in regard to children claimed by relatives in Greece, according to lists sent to the other countries by the Committee and the League.

If the proposals made had been accepted and acted upon - which, unfortunately, is not the case - it would have been possible to sort out and discuss any doubtful cases, and avoid disputes such as that (it has been reported in the Press) which has arisen in connection with two children repatriated from Jugoslavia. These two children were brought back at the request of their fathers, who are living in Greece; it has since been alleged that their mothers are living abroad.

A guarantee has been obtained from the Greek Government that the children would be restored to their relatives immediately on their return. If there had to be a short delay between their return and the arrival of parents living at some distance, the children would remain under the control of the Committee and the League. Thus, for example, twenty-one children brought back in November last from Jugoslavia, remained, on their arrival in Greece, in a home placed at the Delegate's disposal. Five days later, they had all been handed over to their relatives.

The Committee and the League confirmed that they are still ready to do everything they can to facilitate the restoration of all Greek children, whatever the actual place of residence of either the children themselves or their relatives. But it is obvious that the same conditions must apply throughout, and that all parties concerned must be prepared to give the necessary facilities for checking and verification.

In spite of obstacles, the Committee and the League have not yet given up hope of a satisfactory result. They also welcome any efforts made by one or other of the National Societies with the same object - the return of the missing Greek children to their relatives.
Communiqué

Genève, le 16 mars 1951

Rapatriement d'enfants grecs

Le 28 février 1951 la Croix-Rouge yougoslave a fait savoir télégraphiquement au Comité international de la Croix-Rouge et à la Ligue des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge qu'elle était en mesure de procéder au rapatriement d'un second groupe d'enfants grecs se trouvant en Yougoslavie et réclamés par leurs parents en Grèce. Le Comité international et la Ligue ont immédiatement envoyé un délégué spécial qui a assisté, le 14 mars, à la frontière greco-yougoslavie, à l'entrée en Grèce de ce convoi comportant 54 enfants. Ce délégué les a accompagnés jusqu'à Salonique, où ils sont hébergés dans un home en attendant d'être remis, ces prochains jours et en sa présence, à leurs parents.

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Reimischaffung griechischer Kinder


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Repatriation of Greek Children

On February 28, 1951, the Jugoslav Red Cross informed the International Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies by telegraph that it was ready to repatriate a second group of Greek children from Jugoslavia to rejoin their parents in Greece. A joint Delegate left at once from Geneva, and was present when, on March 14, a party of 54 children crossed the Greek-Jugoslav frontier into Greece. The Delegate accompanied the children to Salonika and will remain with them until all have been handed over, in his presence, to their relatives during the next few days.
Communication

Geneva, 16 May 1937

Department of Health

With reference to your note of 30 April on the question of the recognition of the organization and activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Greece, it is regretted to record the following.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has always endeavored to facilitate and contribute to the efforts of the Red Cross Societies in Greece, both in its humanitarian work and in the protection of the rights of neutrals and the rights of Red Cross workers. It can only regret the failure of the Greek Government to accept its proposals in this respect and to facilitate the work of the Red Cross Societies in Greece.

The Department of Health will, however, keep the matter under review, and will take such measures as may appear necessary.
Rapatriement d'enfants grecs

Le délégué spécial du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge et de la Ligue des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge vient d'annoncer que 96 enfants grecs ont été rapatriés de Yougoslavie en sa présence lundi dernier. Ces enfants se trouvent actuellement à Salonique où ils ont été accompagnés par des membres de la Croix-Rouge yougoslave et où aura lieu la remise de ces jeunes rapatriés à leurs parents avec le concours du délégué du CICR et de la Ligue et de représentants de la Croix-Rouge hellénique.

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Repatriation of Greek Children

The special Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross and of the League of Red Cross Societies has reported that 96 Greek children were repatriated from Jugoslavie in his presence on Monday last. They are at present in Salonika, where they were accompanied by members of the Jugoslav Red Cross; they will be handed over there to relatives, under the supervision of the Delegate and of representatives of the Greek Red Cross.
Press Release of November 14, 1952

The Vice-President of the Thailand Red Cross Society visits Geneva.

Having visited Red Cross Societies in several European countries Their Royal Highnesses Prince Chumbhot, Vice-President of the Thailand Red Cross, and Princess Chumbhot made a point of calling at Geneva in order to meet the two International Red Cross organisations.

Their Royal Highnesses were received at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross by M. Paul Ruegger, President, and some Members of the Committee and Directorate, and at the League of Red Cross Societies headquarters by M. B. de Rougé, Secretary-General and Honorary President, assisted by several Members of the Secretariat.
Press Release


STANDING COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross held its regular meeting on May 21, 1953, in Geneva. It examined and settled questions of common interest for the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies.

Recalling the representations made to the Delegates for North Korea at the Toronto Conference, the Standing Commission expressed its satisfaction on the return to their countries of a certain number of civilian internees held in North Korea, several of whom belonged to the Diplomatic Corps and religious institutions, and of whom no news had been received for some long time.

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross hopes that the operations for the liberation of civilian internees will be pursued and brought to a conclusion. It has also received with satisfaction the news of the exchange of wounded and sick prisoners of war between belligerents in Korea. It expresses the hope that this action will be extended and amplified in the near future, and that the difficulties which still oppose the conclusion of an armistice in Korea may soon be overcome, in the interest of Peace.

The Standing Commission continues to follow with the keenest interest the discussion being carried on by the League Executive Board with a view to better co-ordination of international relief actions undertaken on the occasion of heavy disasters.
Press Release

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Geneva, September 2, 1954

Greeks return to their country

On August 17 last, 916 Greek nationals, who had been in Rumania for several years and now desired to return to their native land, arrived in Salonica on board a vessel placed at the disposal of the Greek Red Cross by the Greek Government. This was the conclusion of an extensive repatriation scheme carried out under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies.

Two days before, in the port of Constanza, the Rumanian Red Cross, represented by its Vice-President, Mme A. Mesaros, and several of its members, had given these Greek nationals into the care of a Greek Red Cross mission headed by Admiral D.G. Phocas. Mr. F. Ehrenhold, Delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, and Mr. B. Aaman of the Swedish Red Cross, Delegate of the League of Red Cross Societies, were present and gave their collaboration.

Several difficulties which arose at the time of embarkation were overcome, thanks to the goodwill shown by all concerned. The Rumanian Red Cross for instance kindly obtained permission for the Greeks leaving Rumania to take with them (in addition to their luggage and in spite of regulations in force in this connection) some small sums in foreign currency which they had in their possession.

The repatriated persons were received and looked after by the Greek Red Cross Society whose Secretary-General, Mr. G. Mindler, was present, Mr. A. Lambert, representing the ICRC and the League on this occasion. During the brief ceremony the Minister for Social Welfare gave an address of welcome and expressed the gratitude of his Government to the International Red Cross.
Greek return to sport community

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Greek community, we have been in
Romina for several years and I am glad to return to their native
land. I would like to express our thanks for the hospitality
extended to us by the Greek community. This was a remarkable
collection of an extraordinary delegation, and I wish you all the
success of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the
Greek Cross Association.

Two days before the opening of the Olympic Games, the
Greek Cross Association of the International Committee of the
Red Cross, represented by the President of the Association, and
many of the members, have given more than 300,000 dollars to
the cause of a Greek Cross Mission among the Athletes of the
Olympic Games. Mr. K. Karampilides, President of the International Committee of the
Red Cross, Greece, and his colleagues, have been able to
receive their colleagues from the Olympic Games.

General information which was sent to the time of arrival
cares and wishes to express our thanks for the hospitality
extended to us by the Greek community. This was a remarkable
collection of an extraordinary delegation, and I wish you all the
success of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the
Greek Cross Association.

The reception that was given to us by the Greek Cross Society was a source of pleasure and
satisfaction. The President of the Olympic Games, Mr. K. Karampilides, was present, and
the President of the Greek Cross, Mr. K. Karampilides, was present. A large crowd gathered to
welcome us, and the Greek Cross Society gave us a reception of welcome and expression of
appreciation of the Government of the International Red Cross.
PRESS RELEASE

Geneva, September 8, 1954

The Red Cross and the Refugees in Indochina

The Government and Red Cross of the Viet Nam State have recently sent appeals to the international Red Cross agencies in Geneva on behalf of the refugees from Tonking who are flowing into Southern Indochina, especially the Saigon area.

In view of the widespread distress suffered by several hundreds of thousands of persons affected by the direct consequences of hostilities, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the General Secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies immediately brought the facts to the notice of National Red Cross Societies and asked for their help in organising relief action.

A first appeal was launched by the International Committee to certain of these Societies on August 27 last. On August 31 the League made a similar appeal to the charity of all National Societies. These two messages indicated the most urgent needs, in particular medicaments, clothing and material for building light shelters.

Several National Red Cross Societies - Australia, the Philippines, India, Canada, South Africa, Japan, Norway, New Zealand and Switzerland - have already given a favourable response to the appeals. The Red Cross Societies of Belgium, the United Kingdom, the United States and Ireland have stated that the appeals made to them are under consideration.

The practical organisation of the relief work has been planned by the two institutions in the following manner: the delegate of the League on the spot will deal with the reception and the coordination of relief supplies in South Viet Nam, in conjunction with the International Committee's delegate, who is already in Saigon: the International Committee is preparing to assume similar duties in the Northern Zone which has suffered the most from the recent conflict.

In this connection the International Committee offered its services to the Democratic Viet Nam Republique, with a view to possible relief action in behalf of refugees and of elements among the civilian population who have been affected by events.
The 1960s were the beginning of the information age. The government and the press were aware of the vast growth of electronic and computer technology. The government was concerned about the potential for this technology to be used for purposes of surveillance and control. The government was also concerned about the potential for this technology to be used for purposes of military defense. The government was concerned about the potential for this technology to be used for purposes of economic development.
Information Note


The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met on November 11, 1954, in Geneva, under the Chairmanship of M. André François-Poncet.

Present at the Meeting - M. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and M. R. Olgiati; Judge Emil Sandström, Chairman of the League of Red Cross Societies, and the Countess of Limerick; Mr. J.T. Nicholson; Mr. T.W. Sloper.

The place of Princess Amrit Kaur, Member of the Commission, was occupied by Mr. Sen, Indian Consul-General in Geneva, and that of Professor Pachkov, Vice-President of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR, by Mr. Tchikalenko.

After taking note of the minutes of the Meeting of the Three Presidents (Standing Commission, International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies), held in London on September 30 last, the Commission examined the questions raised by the numerous relief actions which had recently been carried out to meet a number of exceptionally serious disasters. The Commission decided that a summary report of the relief actions should be submitted to the next International Red Cross Conference. The public would thus have a clearer view of the enormous and efficient efforts of human solidarity which were made, in all circumstances and in all parts of the world, by the International Red Cross organisation. This International Conference, which is held at intervals of four years, will be convened between November 1956 and January 1957.

In addition, the Standing Commission was informed of the services rendered by the International Red Cross organisations, in conjunction with the Guatemalan Red Cross Society, to improve conditions for political detainees in Guatemala. That example made it possible to consider that political detainees might subsequently be the object of conventions similar to those which now deal with the wounded and prisoners of war, and the protection of civilian populations.

The Commission took note of the recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, and the Red Cross Society of the German Democratic Republic. As a result of the representations made by the Three
Presidents, two-thirds of the signatories to the 1949 Conventions have now obtained the ratification of the Conventions by the parliaments of their respective countries.

The Commission fully approved the plan to erect a monument on the Solferino battlefield to commemorate the initiative taken by Henri Dunant, which was the starting point of the Red Cross movement throughout the world.

With regard to the International Conference which will be held in India between November 1956 and January 1957, the Standing Commission studied the draft agenda for the Meeting. It will examine the list of items for discussion, and make a study of the important subjects of general interest which should lead to a vast exchange of international views.

The Standing Commission will hold its next Meeting in the spring of 1955.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Communique No. 1955-42
4th of May 1955

RED CROSS TO MAKE INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION DEBUT ON
"INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS DAY", 8TH OF MAY

The Red Cross on next Sunday, the 8th of May, "International Red Cross Day", will make its international television debut - over the European regional network, "Eurovision" - with a special half-hour programme dedicated to Red Cross founder Henri Dunant, the 127th anniversary of whose birth falls on that day.

Sponsored jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, the production highlights the Red Cross work of the nine nations taking part in the transmission. The National Red Cross Societies, under whose auspices the television programme will be screened, and the participating television transmitters, are those of Belgium, Denmark, France and Morocco, the German Federal Republic, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

The "stars" in the Red Cross's international television debut are its volunteers - the men, women and young people who make its work a living reality - which is the theme of the 1955 commemoration of "International Red Cross Day". They are depicted as disaster workers at the scene of the Orleansville, Algeria, earthquake catastrophe; the Danube floods and Alpine avalanches; doing child welfare work, recruiting blood donors, training for mobile first aid service; rehabilitating polio victims; carrying out nursing and welfare work in the Malayan jungles, and caring for and taking on outings aged persons. The film is opened with a brief retrospective of the founding of the Red Cross movement, the establishment of the International Committee and the League, and closes with views of international disaster relief work.

The film montage is only 900 feet in length, but to prepare it Swiss film producer, Charles Duvanel, screened nearly 2,5 miles of film footage comprising 27 films of the nine National Red Cross Societies in question. A 2,000-word commentary was specially written for the production by the Genevese radio and television commentator, Georges Kuhne, and this will be spoken by announcers of each transmitter, in their respective language, i.e. Arabic, Danish, Dutch, English, Flemish, French, German or Italian.

The European Broadcasting Union has accorded its patronage to the programme.

Note to Editors: It would be appreciated if you would include with the article announcement of the hour at which the Red Cross television programme will be presented by your country's transmitters.

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Standing Commission of the International Red Cross

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met on May 5 in Geneva, under the chairmanship of Ambassador André François-Poncet.

Present at the meeting: M. Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross and M. Léopold Boisnier; Judge Emil Sandström, Chairman of the League of Red Cross Societies and M. Bonabes de Rougé; Mr. T.W. Sloper (Brazil); Professor B. Pachkov (USSR); Mr. James T. Nicholson (USA); Lt. Col. C.K. Lakshmanan - substitute member for the Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur (India).

The Standing Commission dealt, in particular, with the preparation of the XIXth International Red Cross Conference, which will be held next year in New Delhi, the headquarters of the Indian Red Cross Society. The Commission drew up the Agenda and Programme of the Conference. The general theme of the discussions of the International Conference will be the protection of the civilian population. An important draft project of regulations for the purpose of protecting civilians from the dangers of indiscriminate warfare and blind weapons will be placed before the Conference.

The Standing Commission also discussed the formation of new National Red Cross Societies which are being set up at the present time in several countries.
Press Release

Geneva, September 29, 1955

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met in the morning of September 29, under the Chairmanship of H.E. M. A. François-Poncet.

It examined questions concerning the organisation of the next International Red Cross Conference, which will be held next year in New Delhi. The exact date of the Conference has not yet been definitely fixed. It will take place, either from October 12 to 26, 1956, or from January 21 to February 5, 1957, according to whichever date is the more convenient for the Indian Red Cross Society, whose preference will be made known at an early date.

The Commission adopted the list of invitations which will be sent to Governments and National Societies, asking them to be Members of the Conference, and the list to be sent to Governments and various international institutions, inviting them as Observers.

The Commission also adopted the Draft Agenda and the Programme of Work of the Conference.
Press Release

Geneva, 21st. February, 1956

Reuniting of Families

On 21st. February, 32 Greek nationals who had arrived from Roumania ten days previously and had been accommodated at Kreuzlingen by the Swiss Red Cross, left for Australia where their families are already installed.

These Greeks had been displaced as a result of events following on the second world conflict. They are mostly young people, but their number included one old lady of 82. It is owing to the tracing service of the Roumanian Red Cross - to which the International Red Cross had transmitted the requests from the Greek families which had emigrated to Australia - that it was possible to find them.

The International Red Cross (International Committee of the Red Cross and League of Red Cross Societies) was then able to carry out the complicated formalities required to enable the journey to proceed smoothly. The Roumanian Red Cross, for its part, had organized transport as far as Switzerland, and had sent its Vice-President, Mrs. Aura Mesaros, to accompany the party of emigrants.

Mrs. Mesaros, after the conversations she had in Berne with the Swiss Red Cross, was invited to Geneva by the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross. She has now returned to her own country.
SPECIAL MEASURES FOR RED CROSS RELIEF ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE

Due to the great influx of Red Cross relief arriving at Vienna, from numerous countries, on behalf of the Hungarian people, new operational measures were announced today by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies to further facilitate the Red Cross action.

Delegates of the ICRC, under the new measures, are charged with directing the distribution of relief on Hungarian territory, as soon as the Austro-Hungarian border is re-opened. The League has appointed at Vienna a delegate-coordinator, Henrik Beer, Secretary General of the Swedish Red Cross, assisted by Karel Waras, Secretary General of the Finnish Red Cross and by Richard Gluns and Wilhelm Bøe, respectively, Information Officers of the Canadian and Norwegian Societies. Mr. Beer, will undertake the administration of all relief arriving at Vienna, including storage, sorting and daily inventories of stocks.

As calls are received for supplies for Hungary from ICRC delegates, Mr. Beer will arrange for such to be put at their disposal as rapidly as possible. Mr. Beer will also coordinate the utilisation of Red Cross international personnel arriving in Vienna.

As concerns Red Cross aid to Hungarian refugees arriving in Austria, initial assistance is being given to these persons by the Austrian Red Cross. Should it prove necessary, the ICRC and League will make available, for this task, supplies from the international stocks assembled at Vienna.

If the relief supplies actually in Vienna, or announced as en route, appear insufficient to meet the needs of the Hungarian population, or refugees, the ICRC will launch a further appeal to National Societies for additional aid.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people)

For Release at 18.00 Hours

Press Communiqué No. 1956-54
7th of November, 1956

RED CROSS TO MEET BASIC NEEDS OF 10,000 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies announced today that they have assumed responsibility to meet basic needs of 10,000 of the Hungarian refugees who have crossed the border into Austria in the past few days. This includes provision of foodstuffs, blankets, sheets, cutlery, etc., for the next 30 days.

A part of the Red Cross supplies sent to Vienna by numerous National Societies for the Hungarian people is being utilised - with the consent of the donor Societies - for the refugees in Austria who are being accommodated in camps established at Traiskirchen, Graz and Judenau. Red Cross staff of a half-dozen nationalities are working in the camps round-the-clock, distributing supplies, operating field kitchens and assisting doctors and nurses in medical clinics.

Governments of various countries offering relief to the Austrian Government for the Hungarian refugees on Austrian territory, are being asked by that Gov't. to channel emergency relief through their respective National Red Cross Societies.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people).

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(Delayed in Reproduction)

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS RELIEF CONVOY LEAVING FOR BUDAPEST

This afternoon (Friday) President Leopold Boissier of the International Committee of the Red Cross sent urgent telegrams to the Hungarian and Soviet Governments, informing them that an International Red Cross relief convoy is being sent to distribute relief supplies, without distinction, to the wounded and other victims of the events in Hungary.

The motor convoy in question will be directed by a special delegate of the ICRC, Dr Hans Willener, a Swiss citizen, accompanied by two Assistant-Delegates, also of Swiss nationality.

The convoy, driven by 30 chauffeurs and escorts, will be composed of fifteen vehicles, painted white; each vehicle, loaded with medical supplies and foodstuffs, bears the Red Cross emblem. The convoy will proceed to the Sopron border post and thence to Budapest via Csorna and Győr. Medical staff are accompanying the convoy.

The mission papers carried by the convoy include a request to the authorities concerned to facilitate the convoy's passage across the border, and to lend their aid and protection for the accomplishment of this humanitarian mission.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
GENEVA

In the international relief operation of the Red Cross in Hungary it has been reported that the International Committee of the Red Cross, in cooperation with the Hungarian and Soviet Governments, is in the process of sending relief supplies to the Hungarian Red Cross to enable it to assist the victims of the events without compromising their neutrality in Hungary.

The motor convoy in question will be escorted by a special delegation of the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, its Secretary-General, and other officials of the Red Cross movement in the region.

The convoy, comprising at least 20 motor vehicles and escorts, will be composed of relief supplies and medical equipment. The convoy will proceed to the Soviet border and thence to Budapest, arriving at the Essex and Gyor. Medical staff at the accompanying convoy.

The mission is being carried out in view of the importance of the operation and in the hope of facilitating the conveyance of relief supplies to the Soviet border and to lend further support to the mission.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people)

Press Communiqué No 1956-56
11th of November 1956

RED CROSS BEGINS SECOND PHASE OF HUNGARIAN RELIEF ACTION

The second phase of the International Red Cross relief operation for Hungary began today with the departure of a convoy bound for Budapest.

The 15-vehicle unit crossed the border at approximately 11 o'clock this morning. The convoy carried 27 tons of food, drugs, and hospital supplies. It is expected that representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Budapest will meet the convoy and arrange distribution of the relief supplies.

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A second relief convoy of the International Red Cross departed from Vienna for Budapest this afternoon between 14.00 and 16.00 hours.

As the convoy, which crossed on to Hungarian territory yesterday at eleven o'clock, this afternoon's motor column is likewise under the responsibility of the International Committee of the Red Cross. It is directed by M. Robert Haas, of Swiss nationality, delegate of the ICRC, assisted by M. Maurice Vuithier, Assistant-Delegate of the ICRC, also a Swiss citizen, and accompanied by a medical consultant, Dr Eric Husfeldt, well-known Danish surgeon. The vehicles, which number 38, carry foodstuffs, medical supplies and hospital equipment. The personnel of this convoy is made up of 78 chauffeurs and escorts. The second convoy will follow the same itinerary as the first, i.e. Sopron, Csorna, Gyor and Budapest. It is also protected by the Red Cross emblem and the relief it transports is to be distributed without distinction to the wounded and all victims of the events in Budapest.

From Geneva, the ICRC has informed the Hungarian and Soviet Governments of this convoy and asked these Governments to facilitate passage of the convoy at the border and to give their support to the accomplishment of its humanitarian mission.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people.)

ARRIVAL AT BUDAPEST OF FIRST RELIEF CONVOY
OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

This evening the International Committee of the Red Cross was able to re-establish contact by telephone with its delegate in Budapest, Mr. René Bovey. The latter confirmed the arrival of the International Red Cross' first relief convoy, which crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier yesterday morning (Sunday) and the safe receipt of the relief supplies in question, by the ICRC delegation in Budapest. Arrangements are now being made for the despatch of the next consignment of relief supplies.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people.)

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DESPATCHING OF RED CROSS RELIEF INTO HUNGARY

The International Committee of the Red Cross has obtained authorization from the Hungarian Government for the 38 trucks of Red Cross relief waiting since yesterday (12th of November) at the border post of Sopron to proceed to Budapest. It was stipulated at the same time that all convoys placed under the responsibility of the ICRC would receive the same authorization in the future.

In accordance with the technical advice received since telephonic liaison has been re-established with its delegates at Budapest, the ICRC has decided to re-organize the second relief convoy and to split it into smaller units which will be despatched into Hungary at regular intervals. The 15 trucks in the first convoy, the contents of which have been handed over to the ICRC delegation at Budapest returned empty to Austrian territory a few hours ago and are now ready for reloading.

In addition, the ICRC is utilising cargo space, offered by the Hungarian Government, on a Danube River passenger barge, to ship to Budapest a ton of priority medical supplies - in particular, anesthetics for operations. These medicaments, accompanied by ICRC delegate, Dr. Chatillon, are in urgent need and will be handed over, on arrival in Budapest, to Hungarian Red Cross doctors, by the ICRC delegation.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people.)

Released at 19.00 Hours

Press Communiqué No. 1956-61
14th of November, 1956

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET AT VIENNA WITH DELEGATES OF HUNGARIAN RED CROSS

Mr. Roger Gallopin, Executive Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross, left Geneva this afternoon for Vienna. He will meet tomorrow (Thursday) in the Austrian capital with Mr. René Bovey, ICRC delegate in Budapest, and representatives of the Hungarian Red Cross. This meeting will consider urgent questions concerning the relief action of the International Red Cross being conducted in Hungary by ICRC delegates.

The second relief convoy of the ICRC is now en route to Budapest. From today, further Red Cross relief convoys will follow at regular intervals.

The priority medical supplies sent yesterday (Tuesday) from Vienna, by boat, arrived in Budapest today at 15.00 hours. They have been distributed by the ICRC delegation in this city.
(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Communiqué No. 156-62
15th of November, 1956

HUNGARIAN RED CROSS ADDRESSES SPECIAL MESSAGE TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The following message was transmitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, today, at Geneva, by the Acting Chargé d'Affaires of the Legation of the Hungarian People's Republic, in Berne:

MESSAGE

from the Hungarian Red Cross to the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross Societies, and the National Red Cross Societies.

"The Hungarian Red Cross wishes to express herewith its sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the International Committee of the Red Cross, to the National Red Cross Societies and to all Governments and organisations which, at this time of grave trial, have come to the relief of the Hungarian people.

"At present, the Hungarian Red Cross is being directed by a committee of physicians, whose members are: Ferenc Földvary, Boldizsar Horvath, Dezső Klimko, Tibor Ronai and Ferenc Pommersheim. In co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, this committee is ensuring that distributions are carried out fairly and in conformity with the spirit of the Geneva Conventions. Appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the free entry of shipments of relief from abroad at all Hungarian border points.

"The Hungarian Red Cross expresses its hope that the wide international solidarity and humanitarian aid which have so far been manifested will continue to contribute to healing the wounds, to avoiding the danger of want and to the resumption of normal life in Hungary".

Budapest, the 12th of November 1956

(Signed) Dr. György Killner
Chargé d'Affaires, Hungarian Red Cross
The following message was transmitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, today, at Geneva, by the Acting Chairmen of the Hungarian, and the American, Red Cross Societies to all governments and organizations which in time of peace and in the present state of the art of relief of the Hungarian people have come to the relief of the Hungarian people.

"At present the Hungarian Red Cross is being directed by a committee of professors, members of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The International Committee of the Red Cross in cooperation with the Red Cross Societies of Hungary, the League of Red Cross Societies, and all governments and organizations which have come to the relief of the Hungarian people, has the honor to transmit these words of support and encouragement to the members of the committee of Hungarian professors, and to extend to them the most profound gratitude for the steps they are taking to relieve the suffering of the Hungarian people in a moment of severe trial."

"Professors, the 15th of November, 1944"

(J. de Hésk "székely" Hungar., Red Cross Committee of Hungary)
LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES  
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS  
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(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICRC, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people.)

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Press Communiqué No. 1956-63  
15th of November, 1956

RED CROSS RELIEF FOR HUNGARY ANNOUNCED BY NEARLY TWO-SCORE COUNTRIES

Red Cross emergency relief for the Hungarian people has now been announced by National Societies of nearly two-score countries.

The 37th Society to report its contribution is that of India — a cash gift of 5,000 rupees.

The National Societies reporting contributions to date for the relief action are the following (in alphabetical order, by continent):

AFRICA  Union of South Africa
ASIA  India, Japan, Turkey, Republic of Vietnam
AUSTRALASIA  Australia, New Zealand
NORTH AMERICA  Canada, the U.S.A.
SOUTH AMERICA  Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Uruguay, Venezuela
EUROPE  Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, the German Federal Republic, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia.
RED CROSS DOUBLES COMMITMENTS FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEE AID;

20,000 REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA NOW TO RECEIVE RED CROSS CARE

(The international relief action of the Red Cross in Hungary is being conducted by the ICR, with the League co-ordinating, at Vienna, the relief contributions being received from the National Red Cross Societies, for the Hungarian people).

At the urgent request of the Austrian Government, the League of Red Cross Societies agreed today to double its commitments for meeting the basic needs of Hungarian refugees in Austria.

A total of 25,000 refugees had been registered at camps and reception centres in Austria, as of this morning. This number is expected to increase by several thousands during the next 24 hours.

Last week, the Red Cross agreed to meet the basic needs of 10,000 refugees for one month. It has now agreed to care for 20,000 refugees.

To meet immediate needs, 20 railroad cars of Red Cross international relief supplies in Vienna are being made available today by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League, for use in refugee camps. An additional 30 cars of supplies are on hand in the Austrian capital. National Red Cross Societies are being asked for further food, bedding, soap, toilet articles, underclothing and cash to insure a continued flow of supplies to Vienna. The Societies also are being asked to supply personnel for medical teams to operate dispensaries at the camps, and for feeding and shelter experts.

Nearly two-score National Red Cross Societies are participating in the Hungarian relief effort and so far have contributed supplies or cash to the amount of more than \$ 5 million.

Red Cross officials emphasise that the new relief action does not lessen the need for continued prompt governmental action in other countries in accepting Hungarian refugees and expediting their movement out of Austria.
RED CROSS DESPATCHES INITIAL COAL SHIPMENT FOR BUDAPEST HOSPITALS

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A third International Red Cross relief convoy — transporting 45 tons of coal for Budapest hospitals — left Vienna this morning for the Hungarian capital. Other coal shipments are foreseen for the near future, and it is hoped to be able to assemble a supply of 1,000 tons for this purpose.

Under the tripartite agreement concluded last weekend between the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Hungarian Government and Red Cross Society, a special ICRC delegate, Mr. Willy Meyer, left with today's convoy as well as the staff for establishing necessary warehousing and transport facilities in Budapest. The latter is comprised of a number of technicians of Swiss nationality, recruited by the Swiss Red Cross, at the request of the ICRC.

Accompanying Mr. Meyer is Dr. John Philipson, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the League of Red Cross Societies by the Swedish Red Cross, who will serve as a liaison officer between Budapest and the Red Cross' Vienna supply and distribution centre.
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XIXth International Red Cross Conference

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross met on December 13 in Geneva, under the chairmanship of H.E. M. François-Poncet.

It was decided to postpone until the autumn of 1957 the International Red Cross Conference which was to have been held in January 1957 at New Delhi.

The Commission considered that all efforts should be concentrated on the large-scale relief actions in which a great many National Societies and the international Red Cross institutions are at present engaged.

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XIX. Internationale Rotkreuzkonferenz


Die Kommission hat beschlossen, die Internationale Rotkreuzkonferenz, welche im Januar 1957 in Neu-Delhi stattfinden sollte, bis Herbst 1957 zu verschieben.

Es schien ihr, dass die Wichtigkeit der Hilfsaktionen verlangt, dass alle zur Verfügung stehenden Kräfte aufgebracht würden, für welche sich gegenwärtig eine grosse Anzahl der nationalen Gesellschaften sowie der internationalen Rotkreuzorgane verpflichtet haben.

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XIXa Conferencia Internacional de la Cruz Roja

La Comisión Permanente de la Cruz Roja Internacional se reunió el 13 de Diciembre en Ginebra bajo la presidencia de S. E. el Señor François-Poncet.

Decidió aplazar la Conferencia Internacional de la Cruz Roja, que debía celebrarse en Enero 1957 en la Nueva Delhi, hasta el Otoño de 1957.

La Comisión piensa que la importancia de las acciones de salvamento, emprendidas actualmente por numerosas Sociedades nacionales así como por las agencias internacionales de la Cruz Roja, hacen imprescindible el dedicarle todas las fuerzas disponibles.
The Red Cross and the civilian victims of
the Port Said conflict

Yesterday, a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross visited the Port Said area, accompanied by a delegate of the League of Red Cross Societies and representatives of the Egyptian Red Crescent, to ascertain the needs of the civilian victims of the recent conflict, and in particular of the refugees.

It will be remembered that a first large consignment of blankets, presented by various Red Cross organisations and including 2,000 supplied by the International Committee itself, has already been handed over to the Egyptian Red Crescent for the refugees.

A report on these persons' needs will be furnished to the League and the ICRC, so that the latter may take steps, if necessary, to supplement the relief action organised by the Egyptian authorities and the Egyptian Red Crescent.
Geneva, July 11, 1957

Greek nationals leave Rumania

After a period of seven years, 22 Greek nationals who have been in Rumania since their childhood as a result of the events of 1946-1948, have just left that country for Australia, to join members of their families.

This departure, organised jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, is part of the plan for re-uniting Greek families affected by the civil war. It was made possible through the co-operation of the Red Cross of the Rumanian People's Republic and the Australian Red Cross.

Since 1948 the International Red Cross has thus enabled over 5,000 Greek nationals (including 3,000 children) to be re-united with their families.
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Since 1925, the International Red Cross has taken over 500 Greek nationalities (including 2,000 children) to be re-united with their families.
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GEN. ALFRED M. GRUENTHER, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN RED CROSS, PAYS VISIT TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, President of the American National Red Cross, visited Geneva for six hours today to call at the Headquarters of the International Red Cross. Gen. Gruenther who arrived in Germany from Washington on Tuesday, to commence a two-weeks' inspection of American Red Cross installations in Europe, continued his tour late this afternoon, to the U.S. Air Force Base, at Chaumont, France, near Nancy, from whence he will fly to London.

On arrival this morning at Geneva's Cointrin Airport, at 10:30, the American Red Cross head was greeted by the ARC's Special Representative in Geneva, Henry W. Dunning, who is also Under-Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies and as such the highest ranking American official of the International Red Cross. In a short meeting with press and radio correspondents at the airport, Gen. Gruenther rendered high tribute to the two International Red Cross institutions -- the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies -- for their contribution in fostering the growth of the Red Cross movement throughout the world.

Discussing work of the American Red Cross, Gen. Gruenther told correspondents that expenditure by the American Red Cross of $52 million for disaster relief, during the past two years, in contrast to an average outlay of $12 to $20 million for such a period, has presented his Society with a financial problem. The new American Red Cross president, who took over office on the 1st of January this year, said that he has logged some 35,000 miles by air travel in a first-hand survey of the humanitarian work being carried out by the American Red Cross in the U.S.A. and abroad.

Gen. Gruenther, in referring to the 19th International Conference of the Red Cross, which will take place at New Delhi, 24th of October -- 7th of November, disclosed that he will lead the American Red Cross delegation to that session.

After the press conference, Gen. Gruenther proceeded to headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross where he was welcomed by President Leopold Boissier. A briefing was given him on the work of that institution, during which diverse questions were discussed which will be considered at the forthcoming New Delhi Conference.

The American Red Cross leader was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League at the Palais des Nations. Also guests were the Hon. Henry J. Taylor, American Ambassador to Switzerland, and Franklin C. Gwenn, Chief of the United States Resident Delegation to International Organizations at Geneva, and Consul General.

Following, Gen. Gruenther called at the headquarters of the League of Red Cross Societies, which federates the world's 75 National Red Cross Societies, and of which the American Red Cross is a founder member. Here he was received by the League's Honorary Vice Chairman and Secretary General, Bonabes de Rouge. The latter expressed the appreciation of the League for the work of its American Member Society and the unfailing support it has given the League since its inception 38 years ago by ARC's World War I head, Henry P. Davisen. The League Secretary General also took the opportunity to render tribute for the aid received from the United States Government, particularly in the League's International disaster relief actions.

Gen. Gruenther was accompanied on his visit to Geneva today by his assistant, George Elsey, and by the ARC's Director of Operations in Europe, Robert S. Wilson.
RED CROSS DISTRIBUTES WINTER RELIEF SUPPLIES
FOR ALGERIAN REFUGEES IN TUNISIA

Distribution of winter relief supplies contributed by National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of various countries for thousands of Algerian refugees, scattered in the mountainous Algerian-Tunisian border region, is now well under way. Since June 1957, the International Committee of the Red Cross has distributed medicaments, foodstuffs and clothing thanks to gifts from various sources, particularly the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

The distributions are now being made by the newly-established Tunisian Red Crescent Society and delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross and of the League of Red Cross Societies; the latter two organisations launched a joint appeal on behalf of the Algerian refugees on 10th December last. The most recent distributions carried out are those in the Le Kef and Sbeitla regions, and consisted of some 60 tons of foodstuffs, blankets, clothing and medical supplies -- contributed in part by Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and in part by non-Red-Cross organisations.
SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED IN LE KEF & SBEILTA REGIONS

The basis of relief distributions is, per family: one blanket, one kilo of sugar, one kilo of soap and one parcel of used clothing, plus, per person, one kilo of rice and one tin of condensed milk.

(1) Le Kef region -- 2,100 blankets from the Canadian Red Cross; 41 tons of rice given jointly by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the League; 4,161 parcels of assorted used clothing, from the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief; three tons of soap and four tons of sugar purchased by the Tunisian Red Crescent Society with funds given by the Tunisian Labour Union; two cases of medical supplies from the Tunisian Red Crescent;

(2) Sbeitla region -- 1,000 blankets from the Canadian Red Cross, four tons of rice given jointly by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the League; 675 parcels of assorted used clothing, given by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief; and one ton of sugar given by the Tunisian Red Crescent Society. In addition, 20,000 cans of condensed milk and 500 napkins (diapers) given by the ICRC were distributed.

Important quantities of supplies had been distributed previously by the International Committee of the Red Cross.
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Geneva, March 13, 1958

ASSISTANCE TO ALGERIAN REFUGEES IN TUNISIA AND MOROCCO

The distribution of winter relief supplies carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross on behalf of the High Commissioner for Refugees having come to an end, the ICRC feels that it can now withdraw from this relief action. From March 15 onwards, therefore, the League of Red Cross Societies and the Tunisian Red Crescent will deal with the coordination of relief consignments received from the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and their distribution to Algerian refugees in Tunisia.

Nevertheless, the International Committee of the Red Cross will continue to be represented in Tunisia in order that its traditional activities may be pursued.

Moreover, the relief action undertaken by the ICRC on behalf of the Algerian refugees in Morocco will be continued in co-operation with the Moroccan authorities. In this connection, between January 25 and March 15, the ICRC delegates in eastern Morocco distributed foodstuffs, valued at 31 million Moroccan francs, sent by National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies or purchased with their cash donations.
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Geneva, 1 September 1959

GERMAN JOURNALISTS VISIT INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

Fourteen German journalists, representing leading press and radio organs of the German Federal Republic, conclude today a two-day study-visit of the International Red Cross.

The visit of the press and radio editors was arranged by the German Federal Republic Red Cross in connection with the Society's commemoration of the "Centenary of the Birth of the Red Cross Idea". It is the first such initiative to be undertaken by a National Red Cross Society.

At the International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday, following short talks by several staff members, Vice-President Frederic Siorret chaired a discussion on the institution's work and activities. Last evening, the former President of the ICRC, Carl Burkhardt, received the visitors at Vinzel.

Today, at the League of Red Cross Societies, Secretary General Henry W. Dunning, and other staff officers, reported to the journalists on functions and services of the world Red Cross federation. The session closed with a question-and-answer period at which the journalists posed questions to League and ICRC representatives.