

## Luxemburg

The Centenary of the Red Cross was celebrated at an official ceremony on May 10, 1963, by the National Society. This event took place in the large auditorium of Radio-Luxemburg and was honoured by the presence of H.R.H. the Hereditary Grand-Duke. Also present were members of the Government and diplomatic corps, representatives of the public authorities, as well as members of the Executive Committee and of the Administrative Council of the Red Cross together with their staffs and a large number of voluntary workers.

After a musical overture, Dr. Henri Loutsch, Secretary of the Society, retraced the history of the International Red Cross since 1863, and recalled the figure, which has become legendary, of Henry Dunant. Then the Minister of Public Health, Dr. Emile Colling, thanked the Red Cross for its unceasing and effective efforts in safeguarding health, a fine example of solidarity.

The Radio orchestra performed a symphony which was followed by a reception.

The Junior Red Cross, for its part, celebrated the Centenary of the Red Cross by a painting competition, which was open to all children of the Grand-Duchy between the ages of 6 and 15 years. There were more than a thousand entries and on June 18, H.R.H. the Hereditary Grand-Duchess, President of the Luxemburg Junior Red Cross, inaugurated the exhibition of the works selected and presented prizes to the winners.

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## Uruguay

In order to mark in a special fashion the Centenary year of our movement, the Uruguayan Red Cross organized several commemorative ceremonies in Montevideo on May 8, 1963. During the morning, the President of the National Society, Dr. A. Maison-

nave, in the presence of the members of the Central Committee, Red Cross personnel and students from the voluntary nursing school, presided over the presentation of the national flag and that of the Red Cross. This event took place in front of the headquarters of the Uruguayan Red Cross<sup>1</sup>.

An official celebration took place in the afternoon, attended by the Head of the State. He addressed the gathering, praising the Red Cross and its activities in Uruguay and throughout the world. Then, the silver-gilt Medal, which the ICRC has sent to all National Societies as a sign of its gratitude and esteem, was presented to the Central Committee. Finally, the Secretary of the Centenary Commission spoke on the life and work of Henry Dunant, which was well documented and was followed with the greatest of interest.

At another ceremony which also took place on May 8, the voluntary nurses and the members of the Junior Red Cross gave a display which included several tableaux and which they enlivened with songs and messages to manifest their devotion to the humanitarian cause which they serve with such enthusiasm. Then the Minister of Health conveyed the greetings and tribute of the authorities. Several members of the Central Committee rose to emphasize the importance of the year 1963, and an appropriate poem was recited recalling the epic of these last hundred years in the service of humanity.

In order to bring the day of commemoration to a conclusion in a manner which permitted the public to associate itself with the event, the Central Committee of the Uruguayan Red Cross accompanied by the personnel, members and well-wishers of the National Society, marched in procession to the monument of General Artigas, the national hero, there to lay a wreath.

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<sup>1</sup> *Plate.*