

## **Austria**

The Austrian Junior Red Cross has for the fifth time held a seminar on the Red Cross and international humanitarian law. It took place at Strobl, St. Wolfgang, on 5 and 6 April 1974. Mr. F. de Mulinen, representing the ICRC, and Mr. F. Wendl, a National Society legal adviser, spoke on the Geneva Conventions. Mr. de Mulinen also described the duties of the ICRC. The discussions which followed centered on the most effective way of teaching humanitarian principles in schools and the import of Red Cross action in the world today.

The meeting was attended by thirty teachers of history (secondary education) and by representatives of several military schools and of the Austrian Ministry of the Interior. "Pax", an ICRC film, was shown during the seminar, and a lively discussion ensued. The film, which is meant for adults and the young alike, illustrates some essential rules of the Geneva Conventions.

The National Society sponsored a meeting, held at Ischl and Litzelberg on 7 April, of schoolchildren who volunteered to act as spokesmen for the Red Cross in schools. The ICRC representative reviewed the principles of the Red Cross and described ICRC activities to the boys and girls, aged fourteen to seventeen, who showed a keen interest in the problems outlined.

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## **Bahrain**

In September 1972, the International Committee officially recognized the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, which had been founded two years earlier. The Society's Information Committee recently issued a statement about some of the activities carried out over the past four years. This information is given below. One of the Society's immediate priorities is to establish trade schools, a