

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

- 3) *The dissemination of knowledge on the Geneva Conventions in primary and secondary schools, in the armed forces, and among the population ;*
- 4) *The construction of a Red Cross headquarters to house the services of our National Society and a conference hall with seating for about 1,000 people.*

That sums up the fields to which we shall direct our efforts in the next few years. And if we are to achieve our objectives, if our Society is to make progress, our members and sympathizers must ever increase their enthusiasm, their energy, their dedication and their generosity.

The spirit and example of every one of us will be the determining factor of that progress, coupled with education which also is of primary importance.

In a word, the Red Cross as an institution, and its role today and tomorrow, depend on men whose acts reflect the principles for which it stands. Consequently, the moral responsibility of the members of our National Society is great and it is on us first and foremost that the future of the young Cameroon Red Cross Society depends.

Cyprus

Some time ago, in Cyprus, Mr. Gaillard, ICRC Assistant Director, received from the Red Cross Society then being formed in that country a report on one of its most useful activities. We have pleasure in bringing it to the attention of our readers.

The Cyprus Red Cross, at that time a branch of the British Red Cross, established its Convalescent Home for Sick Children in 1957 knowing how difficult it can be for some parents to nurse children after their discharge from hospital. Children often have to be discharged whilst still in need of special attention, in order that beds may be available for others in more urgent need. Many children on leaving hospital have to return to overcrowded conditions where the parents, through lack of money or time, are unable to give them the special food and attention they require if they are to be fully restored to normal health, a result of which can mean a breakdown in health and a return to hospital.

With the object of helping such children, their parents and the doctors, the Red Cross established its Home first at Saittas and later in Kyrenia in more convenient premises.

Thirty-two children of both Greek and Turkish origin between the ages of two and twelve years, incapacitated by paralysis, heart disease, muscle dystrophy, are accommodated at a time and remain for periods of from six months to two years according to their requirements. They are under constant specialised supervision and the Children's Specialist from Nicosia General Hospital visits the Home every week recommending treatment, admissions and discharges. When required, After-Care is provided by the Red Cross Committees in the various Districts in co-operation with the Government Medical and Welfare Services. Lessons are provided for those of school age. The direction of the Home is assured by an English Matron, appointed by the Cyprus Red Cross and assisted by Greek and Turkish personnel.

This Home, which is unique in Cyprus, has been successfully maintained for the past nine years from funds raised in Cyprus by the Red Cross and by an equal grant from the Government, given on condition that it is matched by an equal amount raised by the Red Cross. A total of about £7,000 is needed every year to meet the expenses of maintaining the thirty-two patients in the Home.

A new building was erected in 1969 by the Cyprus Red Cross to replace the former accommodation and to provide more facilities for the treatments. Archbishop Makarios has generously donated £10,000 towards the cost of the new Wing. It is the ultimate object, as funds become available, to extend the building so as to provide accommodation for sixty children, thus meeting a great need.

Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein Red Cross celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding at an official ceremony held at Vaduz on 11 July 1970. H.S.H. Francis Joseph II, the reigning prince, senior officials of the