

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

in the event of war, if we are to contend with it to save its victims, that favourable "climate" must be restored. What is needed is that all men of good will, and those of the Red Cross to begin with, persist in continuing the work of mercy, in other words to proclaim, illustrate and finally impose on the world what has saved millions of human beings and can yet save millions more, namely "the moral value of human life".

Miss Esnard reported on social welfare congresses in which the League participated, either through its secretariat or the National Society of the host country, and on the IVth Red Cross International Seminar on Welfare Service, held in Rosenön, Sweden in the Spring of 1967. We would also mention that the League was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the International Council on Social Welfare.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP "HELGOLAND"

It is known that a hospital ship has been sent to Vietnamese waters by the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany. When giving an account in Bonn at the beginning of October of two years' activity, Dr. A. Schlögel, Secretary-General of that National Society, stated that the action in progress has entirely fulfilled its initiators' hopes and is expected to continue throughout 1969.

In two years, 18,910 sick have been given treatment. During the same period, 3210 sick were installed in the ship, whilst 15,700 were cared for at aid posts set up by the "Helgoland".

At Da Nang (where the vessel sailed after being initially at Saigon), the number of war-wounded civilians has considerably increased. Most of the sick are children up to the age of 15 who at certain times represent more than 40% of the non-ambulatory patients.