

respect the work and preparation by the Government and Red Crescent of Saudi Arabia have been noted with the greatest satisfaction.

We have reached important decisions on the use of Arabic in the League's publications and in our general news programme. With regard to relief in the event of disaster, a tribute has been paid once again to the work of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun. This work is recognized throughout the world by international bodies, particularly by the United Nations.

These decisions, of genuine interest for the future, concluded this seminar. Like that of Singapore, described in the preceding article, it shows the need for ever-more constant co-ordination and mutual consultation among National Societies at the regional level.

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### AT THE HENRY DUNANT INSTITUTE

With Prof. A. von Albertini presiding, the council of the Henry Dunant Institute met for the second time on July 8, 1966, at the headquarters of the Swiss Red Cross in Berne.

The Institute will be informing National Societies of its future plans and the many various activities it has in mind. A start has already been made in practice.

In addition to its own teaching work, the Institute is also to become a study and research centre. For this it will begin to set up a large bibliographical index which will enable anyone to obtain rapid and complete information on all Red Cross spheres of activity. This is a long-term project and, unique of its kind, it will certainly render most useful service. It will be of help to National Societies in many of their problems. Research workers, becoming more and more numerous, who interest themselves in the Red Cross, will now find in Geneva easily accessible documentation which they are lacking.

After this good start, it will be interesting to see how the Institute develops in the near future.

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of pilgrims in large numbers gives rise to medical and health problems which National Societies can contribute to solving. For this reason recommendation No. VIII urges that a study be undertaken on "responsibilities which National Red Crescent Societies could assume in order the better to satisfy pilgrims' collective health and humanitarian needs".