

This new publication deserves acclaim, opening as it does with a tribute to that fine personality, Mrs. Maria Elvira Yoder, who regrettably died in Guyaquil in 1967. She had been a most active President of the National Society and whom the international institutions of the Red Cross remember with appreciation.

France

“Once again the French Red Cross has embarked upon a new venture: a need has arisen which it is endeavouring to satisfy.” It was thus, we learn from a past issue of *Vie et Bonté*, that Mr. François-Poncet, on June 9, 1967, in the presence of senior officials, inaugurated the Bois-Larris International Institute for masseur-kinesitherapists, which was founded by the National Red Cross Society of which he was President at the time. The foundation stone was laid in 1963 during the Red Cross Centenary celebration.

This International Institute, which was attended by its first pupils in January 1968, is the only one of its kind in France. It is open to students of all nationalities and the French Government and the World Health Organization are prepared to pay grants to certain candidates. Courses last for thirty-two weeks, leading to a State diploma.

The Institute is at Lamorlaye near Paris, on ground donated by the Foundation for the Treatment and Occupational Training of Young Motor-Nerve Patients. The Foundation is presided over by Baroness Mallet, a directress of the French Red Cross.

Vietnam

Democratic Republic

The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in its well illustrated magazine which has just reached us in Geneva, describes the variety and effectiveness of its work.