

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LEAGUE

The League of Red Cross Societies has published its report of activities for 1975. Abundantly illustrated, the various sections are entitled: The Geneva meetings—Statutory affairs—General activities—International relations—Relief—Disaster relief preparedness—Relief supplies—Services to National Societies—Development Programme—Training—Health—Blood programme—Social welfare—Nursing—Youth—Information—Administration and control—Financial situation.

Mr. H. Beer, Secretary General, introduces the report by reviewing the principal demands made on the League during the year. He stresses the importance of the final report of the Study on the Reappraisal of the Role of the Red Cross, now being examined by the national and international Red Cross institutions. "The important thing", says Mr. Beer, "is ... that the report has shown clearly that the Red Cross should make an effort to think out its problems as a basis for future building, and that it encourages members of the Red Cross at all levels to make this effort."

The Annual Report of the League shows particularly the efforts made by the institution to adapt itself to the modern system of international co-operation. As the Secretary General pointed out: "This co-operation has demands of its own. It requires the need to adapt its policy constantly according to the kind of organization concerned; to take part more often in international and regional meetings; and to work in common with bodies whose goals and objectives are identical with those of the Red Cross. All of these measures are necessary if the essential role of the Red Cross is still to be recognized by the international community."
