

The Red Cross and Peace

It will be recalled that in June 1975 a conference held at Belgrade attended by representatives of some eighty National Societies adopted a "Programme of Action of the Red Cross as a Factor of Peace". Later that same year, two resolutions on the Programme of Action were adopted, one by the League Board of Governors and the other by the Council of Delegates.

The first resolution invited the Chairman of the Board of Governors to form a Commission to see to the implementation of the Programme of Action by the National Societies and international Red Cross bodies.

In the second resolution, the Council of Delegates requested that a working group be set up to submit, for consideration by the Council at its next session, proposals, taking into account the comments and suggestions arising from some of the recommendations expressed in the Programme of Action.

The Commission met in Geneva, on 2 May 1977, at the League's headquarters, with Mr. J. Barroso, Chairman of the Board of Governors, in the chair. It noted the measures taken by the international Red Cross bodies and by various National Societies to implement the Programme of Action.

The working group, chaired by the ICRC President, Mr. Alexandre Hay, met at the ICRC on 2 and 3 May, and formulated several proposals clarifying the meaning and scope of those recommendations in the Programme of Action which had not received unanimous approval at the Belgrade Conference. Its report will be submitted shortly to the members of the Council of Delegates, who will examine its proposals next October at Bucharest.



World Red Cross Day celebration: At the League, 5 May 1977, Mr. José Barroso, Chairman of the League Board of Governors, Sir Geoffrey Newman-Morris, Chairman of the Standing Commission, and Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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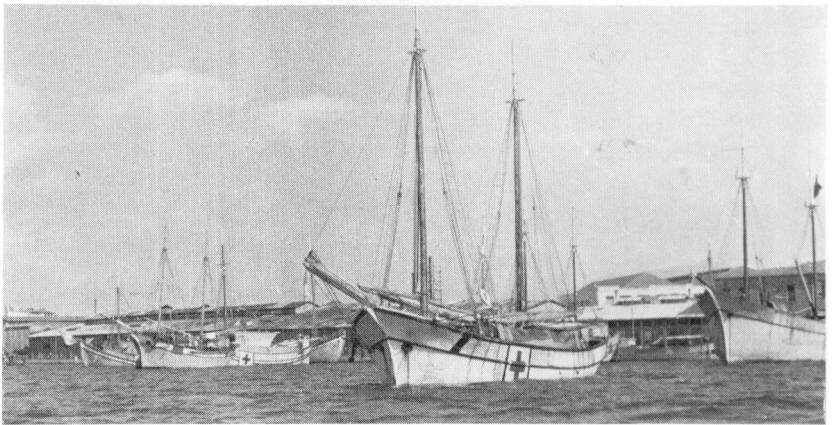
Rangoon: Mr. D. Borel, ICRC regional delegate, visits Burma Red Cross (April 1977).

CENTENARY OF THE HELLENIC RED CROSS



Red Cross boats for ferrying of supplies to Greek islands during Second World War.

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Hellenic Red Cross mobile medical team during the 1947-1948 disturbances.

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