

ethical nature. What most impressed me was the conscientiousness of these young people. And yet they often lack material, even essential material, needed for their work: pencils, paper, slates, handbooks, dummies, dressings, slings, first aid kits, and premises. The Burundi Red Cross would like to be able to make a small recognition to its instructors. Everything is lacking except good-will, enthusiasm and a true Red Cross spirit. These qualities are happily to be found in that small industrious country, on the borders of Lake Tanganyika and at the foot of mountains and hills.

When I passed through, the student first aiders organised an impromptu and magnificent parade, with two hours of fascinating and excellent demonstrations.

I met other dedicated people and witnessed other activities: blood transfusion, prisoner relief, work in orphanages and dispensaries, milk and clothing distributions, etc., etc. The Burundi Red Cross is a young National Society which relies essentially on its youth to develop and carry out its tasks."

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## Ecuador

The Ecuadorean Red Cross will now be publishing a monthly Bulletin for members of the Society in Quito and provincial branches where most active humanitarian work is being pursued.

No. 1 issue has recently reached Geneva which contains a variety of information in different spheres such as first-aid, home-care, medical instruction and general dietetics. The publication also contains notes concerning certain services which are especially active in the country, such as ambulances which were called upon in 1967 in a large number of cases: the transporting of 2,517 sick, aid in 28 accidents at work, 205 traffic accidents, 5 railway accidents and 13 outbreaks of fire. More than a thousand calls for help had to be answered in different emergency situations. Needless to say, members of the Junior Red Cross gave most useful aid in such cases and fresh youth sections are constantly being formed in the Secondary Schools of Ecuador.



Ladies of the Tunisian Red Crescent distributing toys in a school.

## WORLD RED CROSS DAY 1968

Dr. V. Laroche, President of the Haitian Red Cross, presents a boy-scout with the Red Cross first-aiders certificate.

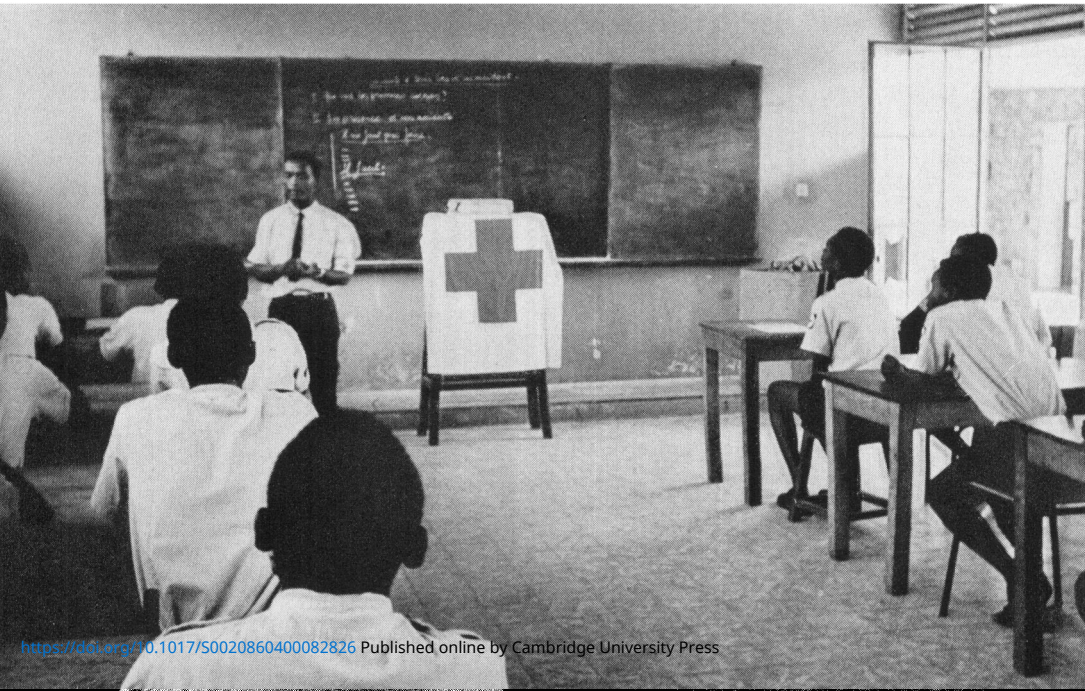




**Afghanistan:** clothing and food distribution by the Red Crescent.

**Burundi:** A Red Cross first-aid course.

Photo J. Pascalis.



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.

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## 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.

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## 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.