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During 1971 the Sana'a rehabilitation centre, which was inaugurated in August 1970, pursued its twofold activity : the manufacture of protheses and ortheses and the training of Yemeni technicians.

By the end of the year, about 300 invalids had registered for a prothesis or orthosis. More than 170 protheses and ortheses were completed, and the disabled received physiotherapy treatment.

To ensure that the various tasks were successfully carried out, the ICRC maintained an orthopaedist and a physiotherapist in Sana'a.

Medical Personnel Section

The Medical Personnel Section answered numerous enquiries from nurses regarding employment, vocational training, in-service training, grants, recognition of foreign diplomas, applications to join ICRC missions. It maintained steady relations with the League's Nursing Bureau, the International Council of Nurses, the nursing bureaux of National Societies and national associations of nurses. In the course of her various missions, Miss Pfirter visited the Lebanese Red Cross, the Red Crescent Societies of Jordan, Kuwait, the Yemen Arab Republic, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (in the process of being formed), and the Iranian Red Lion and Sun Society, to acquaint herself with the Societies' different activities and to address them on the ICRC and the Geneva Conventions.

Publications : By the end of 1971, the brochure " The Rights and Duties of Nurses as defined by the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 " had appeared in eleven languages. Apart from the English, French, German and Spanish editions published by the ICRC, the National Societies of the following countries had had it translated into the language of the country : Belgium (Flemish), Czechoslovakia, Italy, Republic of Korea, Finland, Norway and Greece. The translation into Arabic was carried out by the Lebanese Red Cross, which undertook to disseminate that edition in the countries of the Middle East.

Telecommunication Service

On 29 March 1971, the ICRC and the League sent all National Societies a joint memorandum on Red Cross radio-communication and