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DELEGATION SERVICING

In 1972, the Delegation Servicing Section dealt with some 350 offers of services.

Co-operating with the Henry Dunant Institute, it organized four introductory courses, each lasting several days, at the *Centre de rencontres de Cartigny*, near Geneva. The courses were attended by 108 applicants, thirty-nine of whom were members of the "International Missions Group" (IMG), directed in Berne by Mr. René de Watteville. Four other courses, particularly geared to ICRC activities in the Asian sub-continent, were attended by thirty-two persons, while a seminar on Indo-China was attended by fourteen.

Such courses are held in order to acquaint delegates with the organization of the ICRC and the nature of the missions they may be required to undertake, and to impart general information on the Geneva Conventions and their practical application.

The attitude of delegates at the seminars, the interest they take in the problems outlined and the talks they have with ICRC senior officials allow a selection to be made; appointments have to be confirmed during the first six months delegates spend in the field.

Sixty-seven delegates thus trained (including four doctors), twenty-six who had already been on one or more missions (including seven doctors) and eighteen IMG members (including fifteen doctors) went out on missions in 1972.

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE

In March 1971, the ICRC and the League sent all National Societies a joint memorandum on Red Cross radio-communication and the setting up of a national and international emergency network. By the end of 1972, the National Societies of the following twenty-five countries had obtained a radio designator with permission to use ICRC frequencies where necessary: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Israel, Jordan, Khmer Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Spain, Syria, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yemen Arab Republic.