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Asia a fully automatic station was installed at Dacca.

Middle East: radio links between Amman, Beirut, Damascus and Jerusalem and between Amman and Geneva continued to operate normally. Two further stations were installed soon after the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, one at the Cairo delegation and the other at Nicosia. The latter station has since been closed down, while the direct link with Cairo is still operating.

Latin America: The radio link with the ICRC Caracas delegation has been maintained. A station has been installed at the Santiago delegation and contact tests have been carried out.

The number of telegrams exchanged in 1973 between the ICRC station and the field totalled 10,250, or about 508,790 words.

Personnel

ICRC STAFF AT HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE FIELD IN 1973

1973	Head- quarters	In the field	Total ICRC staff at head- quarters and in the field	Staff recruited locally
<i>Average number</i>	239	111	350	220
<i>Lowest figure (January)</i>	222	91	313	
<i>Highest figure (December)</i>	261	146	407	450

The increase in the number of personnel towards the end of the year is due to the repatriation operations in the Asian sub-continent, the Chile action following the September events and the action undertaken in the Middle East following the October 1973 war.

DELEGATION SERVICING

In 1973, the Delegation Servicing Section dealt with some 350 offers of services. The introductory course for delegates organized by the ICRC at Cartigny (Geneva) was given four times during the year and was attended by a total of over a hundred applicants.

The following appointments were made:

71 posts for delegates, filled by	. . .	40 new delegates
		31 former delegates
26 posts for doctor-delegates, filled by	11 new delegates	
	15 former delegates	
16 administrative posts, filled by	. .	10 persons recruited outside the ICRC
		6 members of the ICRC staff