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The Archbishop of Algiers thanked the Swiss "Caritas" Organisation for their help in his country when he gave a Press Conference in Berne.

The most difficult and biggest aid campaign is the one the International Red Cross has been undertaking in Nigeria and Biafra. Dr G. Schuerch, who was in charge in Nigeria, and Dr G. Pidermann, who selected the wounded to be transported to Europe, returned at the end of December and gave information which testified to the difficulties and to the wonderful work the Red Cross are doing. Thirty-two million francs is needed for adequate help by the Red Cross. The Federal Council has given another half-million francs to help with the airlift to Biafra. Money is being collected by private and public organisations in Switzerland, from schoolchildren to the Migros Co-operative who had collected nearly a million francs by Christmas.

The new head of the delegation of the International Red Cross in Nigeria, in succession to Dr Schuerch, is PTT Departmental Chief M. Eggli. Ambassador A. Lindt, Red Cross High Commissioner for West Africa, gave a report to a plenary meeting of the Committee in Geneva (all its members are Swiss, although it is called "international"). So far, 1½ million women and children have been saved by concerted relief action in the two countries.

Dr Lindt asked the Swiss Government to put Lieut. Col. Hans Schaedler, Berne, at the disposal of the Red Cross; he is a transport officer and is in charge of operations in Nigeria/Biafra.

Towards the end of January, a Press conference was organised by the Swiss Red Cross at which its President, Prof. Dr H. Haug, gave the main address. The conference was boycotted by a number of parliamentary correspondents who disagree with the information policy of the Swiss Red Cross.

Obituary

Terence John Engelberger

Terence John Engelberger, second son of Mr & Mrs Arnold Engelberger, Skeet Road, Kapuni, died, at the age of 10 years, as a result of an accident on April 22nd, 1969. Terry lived all of his short life at Kapuni, and attended the Kapuni School, where he was in Standard IV this year. Terry was a boy with a great sense of fun — always ready to tell his teachers or schoolmates about some tale or adventure. Terry always joined in with, and was interested in whatever was going on. He had a mischevious grin which lit up his whole face when he was happy, and we are sure that those who know and loved Terry will always remember him in this way. We extend our very deepest sympathy to his parents and brothers and sister.

—C.G.H.
