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and requests for tracing persons and historical and statistical information.

The increased number of requests was mainly accounted for by enquiries from persons seeking information for books dedicated to the memory of deportees (96,858 such requests in 1973, as compared with 43,991 in 1972), and from lawyers (almost four times more numerous in 1973 than in 1972, i.e. 42,448 as compared with 11,805). The latter requests mostly concerned the tracing of witnesses.

After scrutinizing all the requests received, the ITS sent out 245,427 replies in 1972.

Nearly 1.5 million reference cards were made out, bringing the total number of cards entered in the central card-index to 38.5 million.

As in previous years, the ITS acquired a considerable number of documents from several sources, including the "Zentrale Stelle der Landesjustizverwaltungen" in Ludwigsburg, the Koblenz Federal Archives, the Berlin Document Centre, the Austrian Resistance Archives in Vienna, the Lublin-Majdanek State Museum and the Upper Austrian branch of the Austrian Red Cross at Linz. The newly acquired documents contain 231,437 names, thus adding to the chances of finding the necessary information for enquirers.

Preparatory work was continued on the second volume of the "Catalogue of places of detention", to supplement the first volume issued in 1969, and on a descriptive list of places of detention.

LOGISTICS DIVISION

The Head of the Logistics Division is in charge of both Relief and Telecommunication Services. It is he who communicates with donors of relief items to the ICRC, and his principal duties are:

- to prepare and supervise relief programmes in co-operation with the delegates-general;
- to communicate with National Red Cross Societies and other donors;
- to set up the framework, in personnel and material, of an organization that will permit the ICRC to undertake relief actions on an

international scale. In such actions he co-ordinates the relief made available by the National Societies and other donors and directs the action.

ICRC RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

In 1973, the Logistics Division carried through, with the aid of the European Economic Community (EEC), a number of relief actions which had been the subject of earlier agreements. Several delegates of the Logistics Division were sent on mission to countries in Africa, the Middle East and the Asian sub-continent, in order to supervise the distribution of goods and to inform the EEC how its gifts were being utilized.

On 22 October 1973, the EEC and the ICRC signed a further agreement, relating to the supply of 6,000 tons of skimmed milk powder and 7,500 tons of grain, to be sent to several countries in Africa, the Middle East, the Asian sub-continent and Latin America.

In addition, under a special agreement concluded by the EEC and the ICRC, a consignment of 3,000 tons of skimmed milk powder was rapidly despatched to Pakistan for flood victims.

RELIEF BUDGET

Besides the relief supplies contributed by the EEC and those provided for special actions,¹ the ICRC continued to distribute items of relief in connection with its customary tasks in various countries.

The total budget for these operations in 1973 came to about 2,500,000 francs, covering relief supplies sent from Geneva ICRC Headquarters and supplies purchased locally by the delegations.

RELIEF SERVICE

In 1973, the Relief Service continued the purchase and forwarding of large quantities of relief supplies in the form of medicaments

¹ For example, relief actions following the October 1973 war in the Middle East, in the Asian sub-continent and in Chile.

and foodstuffs (see table below). The medicaments were mostly intended for the detainees visited by the ICRC in a great number of countries. The foodstuffs, provided partly by the Swiss Government and partly by the European Economic Community, were distributed by the National Societies of the countries concerned to the needy sections of the population.

The Head of the Relief Service went on two missions abroad in 1973. The first took him in March to Sudan, where he supervised the distribution of wheat flour sent in 1972 (EEC gift). In October, following the Middle East conflict, he went to Lebanon and then to Syria, in order to evaluate relief requirements.

In 1973, the Relief Service rented a bonded warehouse at Geneva Airport, in order to be able to send relief consignments by air as quickly as possible in an emergency. A stock of emergency medical supplies, blankets, stretchers and powdered milk is stored in the warehouse.

Relief supplies forwarded or distributed by the ICRC in 1973

Africa

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| Algeria | Contribution to Red Crescent Society relief action | 1,000 |
| Angola | 10 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for places of detention | 70,000 |
| | 5 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Cross Society | 35,000 |
| Botswana | 30 first-aid kits, for the Red Cross Society . | 4,500 |
| Burundi | Various items and food purchased locally, for places of detention | 6,500 |
| Cameroon | Various items and medicaments purchased locally, for places of detention | 20,000 |
| | Purchase of vehicle, for the Red Cross Society | 8,000 |
| Central African Republic | 31 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 2,970 |
| | Aid and purchase of moped, for the Red Cross Society | 3,400 |
| Chad | 720 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 32,500 |
| | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 750 |

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| Congo | Equipment for first aiders and repairs to Red Cross Society vehicle | 4,160 |
| | Comforts and medicaments, for places of detention | 4,160 |
| Dahomey | 110 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 5,060 |
| Ethiopia | 313 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 7,520 |
| | 75 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for drought victims | 37,500 |
| | 120 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for drought victims | 480,000 |
| Gabon | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 2,300 |
| Gambia | 10 tons of unskimmed milk powder and 50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population | 95,000 |
| | 2 first-aid kits, for the Red Cross Society . . | 570 |
| Ghana | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 3,250 |
| Kenya | 75 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 37,500 |
| | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 500 |
| Liberia | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | 30 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 15,000 |
| | Aid purchased locally, for places of detention | 25,000 |
| | Aid for Red Cross Society | 1,340 |
| Mali | 135 kg of medicaments, for drought victims | 5,920 |
| | Medicaments purchased locally, for the Red Cross Society | 1,300 |
| Mauritania | Medicaments and food purchased locally, for the Red Crescent Society | 10,000 |
| Mauritius | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | 50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 25,000 |
| Mozambique | 82 kg of medicaments, for the Red Cross Society | 3,480 |
| | Aid purchased locally, for places of detention | 20,000 |
| Niger | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 2,050 |
| Rhodesia | Aid purchased locally, for detainees held under emergency regulations | 25,000 |

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| Rwanda | 163 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 6,230 |
| | Aid purchased locally, for places of detention | 64,200 |
| Senegal | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | Vehicle purchased locally, for the Red Cross Society | 10,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 30 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 15,000 |
| | Aid purchased locally, for places of detention | 1,350 |
| South Africa | Local purchases for convicted political detainees | 1,820 |
| Sudan | Aid to the Red Crescent Society | 10,000 |
| Swaziland | 50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 25,000 |
| | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 5,000 |
| Tanzania | 50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 25,000 |
| | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 5,000 |
| Togo | 87 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 3,000 |
| | 28 kg of medicaments, 2 stretchers and one first-aid kit, for the Red Cross Society | 1,650 |
| Tunisia | Contribution to Red Crescent Society relief action | 1,000 |
| Upper Volta | Aid purchased locally: equipment for first aiders and repairs to Red Cross Society vehicle | 1,920 |
| Zaire | Aid to the Red Cross Society | 2,850 |
| | Aid to detainees | 500 |
| ANC | Medical aid | 2,000 |
| COREMO | Medical aid | 4,000 |
| FLNA | 815 kg of medicaments for FLNA hospital at Franquetti | 27,000 |
| | Aid purchased locally, repairs to ambulances | 3,400 |
| FRELIMO | Ambulance sent from Geneva | 25,000 |
| FROLIZI | Medical aid | 2,000 |
| MPLA | Medicaments for infirmaries | 4,000 |
| PAIGC | 115 kg of medicaments and one ambulance for PAIGC medical services at Dakar | 35,000 |
| ZAPU | Medical aid | 2,000 |
| Total Sw.Fr. | | 1,760,150 |

Latin America

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| Argentina | 20 first-aid kits, for the Red Cross Society . . | 4,400 |
| | 63 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 4,300 |
| Brazil | 127 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 6,700 |
| Chile * | 30 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for Red Cross Society campaign | 210,000 |
| | 52 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 6,300 |
| Colombia | 318 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 19,600 |
| Ecuador | 153 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 10,000 |
| El Salvador | 60 tents, 70 stretchers, 50 kits dressings (total weight 8,215 kg), for the Red Cross Society Trailer, for the Red Cross Society | 86,000 7,200 |
| Guatemala | 515 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 17,400 |
| Guyana | 5 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Cross Society | 35,000 |
| Haiti | Contribution in cash towards equipment of Red Cross Society's blood transfusion centre | 14,000 |
| Honduras | 20 tents, 30 stretchers, 50 kits dressings, hypo- dermic needles and syringes (total weight 4,339 kg), for the Red Cross Society | 51,600 |
| | 10 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Cross Society milk distribution campaign. | 70,000 |
| | Vehicle, for the Red Cross Society. | 19,800 |
| Panama | One ton of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Cross Society campaign | 7,000 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 6 stretchers and 36 first-aid kits, for the Red Cross Society | 7,300 |
| Uruguay | 160 kg of medicaments, for places of detention | 11,300 |
| | 6 first-aid kits, for the Red Cross Society . . | 2,200 |
| Total Sw.fr. | | 590,100 |

* Consignments forwarded before September 1973. For aid sent from September to December 1973, see pp. 37 ff.

Asia *

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| Bangladesh | 791 kg of medicaments, sent to ICRC delegation | 19,500 |
| India | 12 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Cross Society | 84,000 |
| Khmer Republic | 51 kg of medicaments and surgical supplies | 7,800 |
| | Aid to prisoners of war | 2,000 |
| | Aid to Khmer refugees | 187,500 |
| Laos | Aid to displaced persons | 15,000 |
| | Aid to Burmese refugees | 23,800 |
| Lao Patriotic Front | 1,381 kg surgical instruments and supplies . . | 170,500 |
| Malaysia | 5 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Cross Society | 35,000 |
| | Purchases made locally, for detainees | 2,000 |
| Nepal | 2 first-aid kits and medicaments, for the Red Cross Society | 550 |
| Pakistan | 15 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for Bengali children . | 105,000 |
| | 20 wheel-chairs | 9,500 |
| | 3000 tons skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for flood victims | |
| Philippines | Purchases made locally, for detainees | 5,500 |
| Sri Lanka | Aid for detainees | 50,500 |
| Democratic Republic of Vietnam | 631 kg of medical supplies, for the Red Cross Society | 17,800 |
| Republic of Vietnam | 542 kg of medicaments and 22 kg of toys, for ICRC medico-social campaign | 38,000 |
| | Purchases made locally: | |
| | Aid to prisoners of war | 143,500 |
| | Medico-social campaign for hospitals and orphanages | 92,600 |
| Total Sw.fr. | | 1,010,050 |

* Not including consignments in respect of IRCA or purchases made locally in connection with Asian sub-continent relief operation.

Europe

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| Bulgaria | Medicaments, sent to the Red Cross Society . | 1,840 |
| Hungary | Medicaments, sent to the Red Cross Society . | 21,300 |
| Poland | Medicaments, sent to the Red Cross Society . | 800 |
| Romania | Medicaments | 1,900 |
| Miscellaneous | Medicaments, sent to various countries . . . | 650 |
| Total Sw.fr. | | 26,490 |

Middle East *

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| Arab Republic of Egypt | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | Aid for prisoners of war | 73,800 |
| Israel and occupied territories | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the West Bank civilian population | 120,000 |
| | Purchases made locally: | |
| | Aid for prisoners of war | 64,000 |
| | Aid for civilian detainees and civilian population | 288,000 |
| Jordan | 20 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 80,000 |
| | 530 tons of wheat flour and 3 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the civilian population . . . | 286,000 |
| | Purchases made locally, for detainees | 21,400 |
| Lebanon | 10 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 40,000 |
| | Aid, for the Red Cross Society | 22,900 |
| "Palestinian Red Crescent" | 10 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for refugees and hospitals | 40,000 |
| | Aid for "Palestinian Red Crescent" | 27,000 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 20 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for Golan displaced persons | 80,000 |
| | 709 kg of vitamin tablets for children of Golan displaced persons | 23,500 |
| | 12 tons of unskimmed milk powder, a gift from the Swiss Government, for the Red Crescent Society | 84,000 |

* For figures relating to the October 1973 conflict, see pp. 16 ff.

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| | Purchases made locally: | |
| | Aid for prisoners of war | 900 |
| | Aid for the civilian population | 15,500 |
| People's Democratic Republic of Yemen | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | Purchases made locally: | |
| | Aid for political detainees and their families . | 24,300 |
| | Aid for prisoners of war | 4,300 |
| | Aid for Dhofar refugees and others | 18,800 |
| Yemen Arab Republic | 30 tons of skimmed milk powder, a gift from the EEC, for the civilian population | 120,000 |
| | Purchases made locally: | |
| | Aid for the civilian population | 53,400 |
| | Aid for political detainees | 12,300 |
| | Equipment for Sana'a artificial limb workshop | 26,200 |
| | Total Sw.fr. | 1,766,300 |

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE

Following the joint memorandum sent in 1971 by the ICRC and the League on the setting up of a national and international radio-communication emergency network, the National Societies of the following fourteen countries obtained in 1973 a radio designator with permission to use ICRC frequencies where necessary: Bahamas, Barbados, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Haiti, Jamaica, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal and Zambia, thus bringing the total number of National Societies having such facilities to 39.

A transmitter-receiver was installed at the headquarters of each of the National Societies of the following five countries: Chile, Colombia, Haiti, Peru and Zambia.

The ICRC was authorized to use, as from 19 February 1973, the two frequencies of the Securo project, under which it has the possibility of working in co-operation, should the need arise, with the relief services to which those two channels have been allotted.

Besides the Geneva station (HBC-88), the ICRC network consisted in 1973 of the following services:

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.