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Publications

About a dozen publications came out in 1973, four of them in Arabic, the latest being *The Geneva Conventions* and *The Koran and the Humanitarian Conventions*.

In the audio-visual sphere, the ICRC produced "*Pax*", a film illustrating the Geneva Conventions, which was awarded a diploma of honour at the Fifth International Festival of Red Cross and Health Films, at Varna (Bulgaria), in June 1973.

The ICRC also published 1,000 copies of ten colour posters. Six of them illustrate the ICRC's traditional activities while four are intended to promote the dissemination of Red Cross principles and the Geneva Conventions among the young and the armed forces.

RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES

Recognition of new National Societies

In 1973, the ICRC recognized five new National Societies, i.e.:
the Mauritanian Red Crescent, on 6 June 1973;
the Bangladesh Red Cross, on 20 September 1973;
the Fiji Red Cross, on 20 September 1973;
the Singapore Red Cross, on 20 September 1973;
the Central African Red Cross, on 25 October 1973.

Missions to National Societies and Governments

In order to strengthen the ties linking the ICRC and the National Societies, and to contact governments, the following ICRC missions were carried out by:

- Mr. Naville, ICRC President: to Tunisia, Romania, Yugoslavia and the USSR.
- Mr. E. Martin, ICRC President: to France.
- Mr. H. Huber, ICRC Vice-President: to Poland.
- Miss M. Duvillard, member of ICRC: to the United Kingdom and France.

- Mr. P. Gaillard, deputy director: to Poland, Tunisia, Syria and Lebanon.
- Mr. M. Borsinger, delegate-general for Europe: to Romania, Yugoslavia, USSR, Poland, Italy, Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom.
- Mr. J. P. Hocké, delegate-general for the Middle East: to Israel, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq and Iran.
- Mr. S. Nessi, delegate-general for Latin America: to Barbados, Ecuador, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas (National Society being formed), Haiti, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Panama.
- Mr. J. Ott, delegate-general for Asia: to Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Laos, Khmer Republic and Republic of Vietnam.
- Mr. J. Moreillon, delegate-general for Africa: to South Africa, Ethiopia, Rhodesia and Mozambique.

Most of these missions were reported in *International Review of the Red Cross*.¹

In addition, nearly a thousand visitors from some sixty National Societies were received at ICRC headquarters.

National Society participation in ICRC operations

Many National Societies actively participated in ICRC relief operations, particularly in the Middle East and in Chile. A detailed account is given in the relevant chapters of this report.

Red Cross Seminars

The ICRC took part in several Red Cross seminars, particularly in the Regional Training Institutes organized by the League. Here is a list of the meetings to which it contributed in 1973:

- Regional Training Institute for South-East Asia, Bangkok, in February.
- Sixth Regional Meeting of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies, Amman, in April.

¹ See p. 81.

- Seminar on international humanitarian law organized by the Norwegian Red Cross, Oslo, in April.
- Third Meeting of Heads of Information and Public Relations, Varna (Bulgaria), in June.
- Regional Training Institute for the Caribbean, at Oracabessa (Jamaica), in June.
- Regional Training Institute for Arab countries, Amman, in July.
- Regional Training Institute for Central Africa, Kinshasa, in August.
- Regional Training Institute for West Africa, Lomé, in September.
- Regional Institute Session for Administrators (Latin America), Madrid, in October.
- Seminars on the Red Cross and international humanitarian law, organized by the Austrian Red Cross for teachers, in April, October and December.

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Shôken Fund

The Joint Commission of the Empress Shôken Fund met in Geneva on 30 April. Thanks to the Fund's income, it was able to make grants to seven National Societies in Africa, Asia and Latin America, for the purchase of medical material and ambulances.

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE RED CROSS

The *International Review of the Red Cross*, published by the ICRC, appears monthly in two versions, English and French. Supplements containing the most important articles printed in the *Review* are also issued in German and Spanish. The following were some of the main articles that appeared in 1973, all bearing some relation to past and present important humanitarian problems: "Florence Nightingale and Henry Dunant", by P. Boissier; "The employment of legal advisers and teachers of law in the armed

¹ See p. 82.