

Bolivia

The Bolivian Red Cross has started a publication of its own, and the first number, recently received in Geneva, is most attractively presented. Lavishly illustrated, it will no doubt help to make known the National Society's various, useful activities throughout the country as well as the principles enshrined by it.

This first issue opens with an editorial article describing the steady expansion of the Red Cross in Bolivia and the important place the National Society occupies at the movement's international meetings, and emphasizing the fact that its emblem signifies everywhere respect for humanity and service to our fellow men. Other articles give accounts of the Society's programmes in the medico-social field, of the action it took for the benefit of a group of guerrilleros, of relations between the Red Cross and the younger generation, and of the work accomplished at times of natural disasters, in particular when floods devastated large areas in parts of Bolivia.

We would single out, too, the articles appearing in this interesting number from the pen of the President of the National Society, Dr. Celso Rossell Santa Cruz, one on the Geneva Conventions and internal armed conflicts, and the other on present and future tasks of the Red Cross in Latin America.



Botswana

In the autumn of 1971, Mr. R. Weber, ICRC delegate, went on a mission to Botswana where he had the opportunity to meet several government officials as well as National Red Cross Society leaders. The Botswana National Society, which was recognized by the ICRC in 1970, carries out much active, useful and efficient work, and we give below an account of what it has been doing.