

AN EXAMPLE OF FELLOWSHIP

Towards the end of 1963, an air raid almost totally destroyed a village in the mountains of the Yemen. From one of the demolished houses, the persons removed were all dead except for a young man of 18.

With a shattered leg, he was taken to the field hospital set up at Uqhd by the ICRC. Several months of treatment to prevent the spread of infection in the leg proved to be of no avail and the decision to amputate above the knee had to be taken. This operation was successful and the wound healed quickly, but the ICRC doctors could not resign themselves to sending Nasser ibn Hussein, crippled as he was, back to his village, especially as all the members of his family, who could have helped him, had been killed in the air raid.

The War Disablement Section of the ICRC in Geneva was apprised of the case. It turned to the Lebanese Red Cross, describing the young man's unfortunate situation and asking if anything could be done on his behalf. The National Society replied that it would assume the cost of fitting an artificial limb, and an airline company, in turn, offered a free passage on one of its planes.

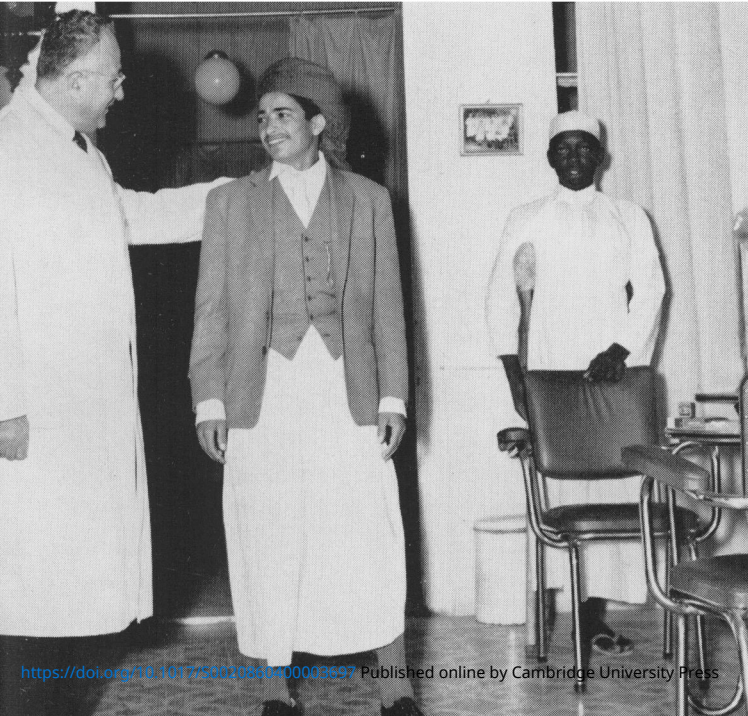
Thus it was that on February 24, 1964, Nasser ibn Hussein was received in Beirut by several members of the Lebanese Red Cross. Not only did this Society arrange for him to be fitted with an artificial leg; he was given constant care and provided with clothing. The photographs published here were taken on the young man's arrival at Beirut and at the moment of his departure and they are eloquent proof of the care lavished on him; they testify too to the international fellowship of the Red Cross movement¹.

¹ *Plate* : A Yemenite war casualty arriving in Beirut, which he leaves after having been fitted with an artificial limb by the Lebanese Red Cross.

One of the Yemeni war disabled being received by the Lebanese Red Cross...



IN BEIRUT



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