

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for 1973 of the League of Red Cross Societies opens with tributes paid to the late Nedim Abut and Pierre Boissier, two eminent men whose sudden death deprived the Red Cross movement of two of its most devoted members and who will be long remembered in the Red Cross world.

The Report contains information relating to the following activities : Teheran meetings—General matters—International relations—Relief—Disaster relief preparedness—Development programme—Training—Health—Blood programme—Social welfare—Nursing—Youth—Information—Administration and financial situation.

Some of the achievements of the institution are indicated by its Secretary General, Mr. H. Beer, in the introduction.

... It also gave the Red Cross great tasks to fulfil after natural disasters, some of them with consequences for years ahead. Even if the Red Cross concentrates on short-term emergency actions, there is a necessity for joint planning with UN and other agencies. Drought relief actions in the Sahelian countries and Ethiopia are good examples.

1973 was the first year we could see practical results of earlier decisions to decentralize the major training efforts of the development programme, and to apply environmental aspects to this basic activity...