

## GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

As the *International Review* announced in May 1975, the Florence Nightingale Medal was awarded, in the twenty-fifth award of this honour, to Sister Ilse Giese, an auxiliary nurse and voluntary aid. The medal and the diploma accompanying it were presented at a ceremony marking the anniversary of the German Red Cross in the German Democratic Republic.<sup>1</sup>

In a message to the ICRC, the National Society has informed us both of the joy of the recipient and the pride felt by the members of the Red Cross. The message reports that wide publicity was given to the event, which was announced and commented upon by both newspapers and television in the German Democratic Republic.

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## JAPAN

As we have previously reported, Mrs. Sachiko Hashimoto, former director of the Japanese Junior Red Cross became the moving spirit of the Henry Dunant Study Center in that country. Founded at Tokyo on 8 May 1974, the Center developed a series of projects, not only to familiarize people with the personality and achievements of Henry Dunant but also to provide for diffusion throughout Japan of Red Cross principles and the Geneva Conventions.

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<sup>1</sup> *Plate.*

Mrs. Hashimoto has recently given us more details about the programme, some of which has already been carried out while other parts are now under way. The guidelines for the Center's activity provide for research, training and the publication of books and pamphlets. They have already published five pamphlets: "The Trilogy on Henry Dunant", "The Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions", "The Red Cross Principles and Junior Red Cross", "Konnichiva, Henry Dunant" and "For Better Human Relations—Group Work, Principles and Methods", as well as colour slides on Henry Dunant and the Red Cross. Two of the pamphlets were so popular that they had to be reprinted. The series of 50 slides were also well received and were shown not only in Japan but in several other countries.