

The Advisory Committee drew up several recommendations, which will be submitted for the approval of the League's Board of Governors at its next meeting, due to be held in Mexico City from October 12th to 16th. One recommendation expressed the wish that National Societies should train nurses in special duties in case of national and international emergency relief actions, while another stressed the importance of National Societies increasing their nursing activities in the new areas of community development.

Hungary

From 3 to 8 May 1971, Mr. Pierre Gaillard, Assistant Director of the ICRC, was in Hungary on a visit to the Hungarian Red Cross. This was the first time since three years that a similar visit had taken place and it gave Mr. Gaillard the opportunity to meet Professor Gegesi Kiss, its President, Ambassador Rostas, its Secretary General, Dr. Sooky and Dr. Levay, Assistant Secretaries General, Mr. Czivisz, Director of the External Affairs Department and his assistant, Mr. Pasztor.

Mr. Gaillard spoke before the presidium of the Hungarian Red Cross in Budapest and senior officials of the Esztergom Local Branch. The latter has over 21,000 members; moreover, the National Society's significance in the life of the people may be measured by the fact that there are about 800,000 members in the Hungarian Red Cross and about 200,000 in the Junior Red Cross.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gaillard met Dr. Hars, Deputy-Chief of the International Organizations Division, as well as the delegates representing Hungary at the Conference of Government Experts convened by the ICRC, which opened in Geneva on 24 May.

The talks centred mainly on the development of international humanitarian law and on the dissemination of the Geneva Conventions. The Hungarian authorities and the National Society

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attach great importance to both these questions. For its part, the Hungarian Red Cross has already started a campaign to spread knowledge on these matters among members of the army and youth by the publication of three illustrated booklets, and it intends to intensify still more its action.

For World Red Cross Day on 8 May, the National Red Cross Society organized a press conference attended by press, radio and television journalists, in which Mr. Gaillard also took part. He described the work currently pursued by the ICRC, especially in the field of humanitarian law. On this particular occasion, too, he met leaders of the Junior Red Cross of the Budapest 5th district.
