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course of the year. This does not include the visitors attended to by the Liaison and Protocol Service. Many of the visitors were in large groups to whom talks were given and films shown ; they were able to see the card-index system of the Central Tracing Agency. The Press and Information Service also arranged such events as the reception, on May 3, of some 300 members of the World Veterans' Federation, whose President presented the ICRC with a commemorative plaque as a token of thanks for its work for the benefit of the victims of armed conflicts.

## Archives

The number of requests to carry out historical research in records on captivity during the Second World War is by no means decreasing. In 1965 the Archives Department received no less than 74 such requests, covering research on 108 prison or internment camps, some of them entailing several days work.

## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE RED CROSS

Two editions of the *International Review of the Red Cross* appear each month ; the French and the English versions. Several issues in 1965 contained studies on the dissemination of knowledge of the Geneva Conventions, such as the leading articles entitled " Plan of Action for the Dissemination of the Geneva Conventions " by Mr. J. des Cilleuls, President of the International Medical Law Society ; " Campaign for the Dissemination of the Geneva Conventions " by Dr. P. Gregoric, President of the Yugoslav Red Cross ; and " Reservations to the 1949 Geneva Conventions " by Mr. C. Pilloud. In other issues Dr. J.-M. Rubli studied " Repatriation and Accommodation in Neutral Countries of Wounded and Sick Prisoners of War " and Mr. P. Vasak explained the future importance and scope of " The European Convention on Human Rights : A useful complement to the Geneva Conventions ".

In addition the *Review* published some of the most important of the reports submitted by the ICRC to the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, such as " Dissemination of the Geneva

Conventions among medical personnel ” and “ Civil Protection — Actions of National Societies ”. The November issue gave the full text of the resolutions adopted by the XXth International Conference in Vienna, as well as a summary of the main topics dealt with by the Conference. A number of articles were devoted to the Junior Red Cross, for example “ The Child — Pillar of the Future ” by Dr. G. Sicault, and several contributions on the World Red Cross Day theme for 1965, “ Youth — Tomorrow’s Strength Today ”.

Topical events and the work of the ICRC in many countries are described each month in the regular feature entitled “ External Activities ”. This gives a brief account of missions abroad, for instance in Vietnam, the Congo, Cyprus, India and Pakistan. The *Review* also gave various reports on the hospital set up by the ICRC at Uqhd in the desert as well as on the medical teams and their relief work in the Yemen.

A new feature, “ In the Red Cross World ”, was introduced in the *Review* in 1965. It is illustrated and contains news from National Societies on their activities or accounts of particularly important or original tasks undertaken by our movement in many countries. For instance, reports were given on the work of the Red Cross in South America and Africa, where the scope for humanitarian activities is vast. In addition, several National Societies sent the *Review* accounts of events in their respective countries to celebrate the centenary of their foundations.

The efforts to promote circulation over the last few years are beginning to bear fruit ; output of both the French and the English editions has had to be increased. The Spanish and German supplements contained a number of important articles, particularly those on dissemination of knowledge on the Geneva Conventions. Readers also found them a source of information on ICRC activities and missions throughout the world.

## **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The ICRC’s radio station continued to be of enormous service. Professional both in equipment and operation, it was in daily contact with the Uqhd field hospital in the North of the Yemen, which