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Mr. Senn returned to Kampala at the end of August to enquire into the plight of a number of persons who were arrested during the May disturbances and still held in detention.

2. LATIN AMERICA

Cuba

Mr. P. Jequier, delegate general for Latin America, was in Havana from December 9 to 16, 1966, to discuss Cuban Red Cross development with the leaders of that National Society. Mr. Gilberto Cervantes Nuñez, President of the Cuban Red Cross, confirmed in his talks with Mr. Jequier the important work carried out by the Society. It has a large ambulance service of 200 vehicles throughout the island. Over 300 first-aid posts in all provinces are operated by the Cuban Red Cross.

In view of the ICRC's constant interest in the welfare of political detainees, Mr. Jequier endeavoured to obtain permission, through the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, to visit detention centres. However, the Cuban authorities refused.

In addition, even an offer to provide medical supplies to establishments where there were sick detainees was accepted neither by the Cuban Red Cross nor the authorities.

Dominican Republic

A year after the serious events which occurred in this country, Mr. Jequier returned there and stayed for a week in Santo Domingo.

He observed that the Dominican Red Cross has resumed its normal peace-time activities. After the ordeal of last year, Mr. Manuel E. Saladín Vélez, the President of the National Society, and all members of the Red Cross, are imbued with that spirit of service and selflessness which enables the National Society to carry out its essential and beneficent work.

Apart from its usual activities, the Dominican Red Cross is keenly interested in developing the workshop for the manufacture of artificial limbs, which was set up with U.N. assistance in Santo Domingo.

Venezuela

In view of several requests to the ICRC for information on the fate of *guerrilleros* arrested in Latin America, Mr. Jequier was directed to apply to the authorities in Caracas for permission to visit a number of persons imprisoned for subversion and opposition to the regime.

This permission was granted and on November 18 he inspected the prison of the San Carlos barracks in Caracas. Mr. Jequier talked in private with the political detainees and investigated detention conditions.

3. ASIA

Cambodia

The frontier between the Republic of Vietnam and Cambodia is the theatre of frequent incidents causing large numbers of civilian and military casualties as well as considerable material damage.

In order to help the Cambodian Red Cross to come to the aid of the victims of such incidents, the ICRC has charged its delegate-general for Asia, Mr. André Durand, with handing over 28,000 Sw.frs. to that Society.

India and Pakistan

The delegations, sent to both sides during the hostilities in August and September, 1965, continued their work throughout the first few months of 1966 of assisting prisoners of war and civilians interned by either party, and also refugees and displaced persons.

Since March, the progressive normalization of relations between the two countries enabled the ICRC to reduce its mission and only to maintain until July one delegate charged with representing the Committee in both countries.

Assistance to prisoners of war. — The ICRC delegates on several occasions visited prisoners of war held at Agra in India and in Pakistan at Dargai and Kohat. They made every effort to com-