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In the *People's Democratic Republic of Yemen*, a programme was set up to bring assistance to "political" detainees and their families, and also to the disabled.

In addition, relief supplies were despatched to victims of floods on Socotra Island.

REUNITING OF FAMILIES

In *Iran* and *Iraq*, ICRC delegates discussed with the authorities and National Society officials problems in connection with the expulsion of Iranian nationals from Iraq.

Europe

For obvious geographical reasons, no regional delegation has been set up in Europe. Missions are despatched direct from Geneva.

The missions carried out in 1973 to various European countries by ICRC representatives, in particular by the delegate-general for Europe and North America, are mentioned on pp. 79 and 80.

The ICRC, in response to requests reaching it from several National Red Cross Societies, sent them medicaments not readily available, worth 27,000 francs.¹

In addition, the ICRC undertook specific actions in two countries.

Northern Ireland

Two ICRC delegates carried out a further series of visits—the fifth since 1971—to various places of detention in Northern Ireland: to Maze Prison on 18 and 20 July and to Armagh Prison and the Crumlin Road Prison in Belfast on 19 July.

Delegates were able to carry out their mission quite freely and spoke with detainees of their own choice without any witnesses.

As customary, the report on the series of visits was sent by the ICRC to the United Kingdom Government. As in the case of the previous visits, in 1971 and 1972, the full text of the report was made public by the Government.

¹ See table of relief supplies, p. 59.

Cyprus

With a view to easing the formalities required for Turkish medical personnel entering Cyprus, the ICRC issues, every three months, a list, provided by the Turkish authorities, of the names of Turkish doctors and nurses taking over from their colleagues at the Turkish Red Crescent Hospital in Nicosia.

The ICRC was also notified by the Cyprus authorities of their agreement to the establishment by the ICRC in Nicosia of an advanced base for the co-ordination of its relief work following the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East in October 1973.

Brazil

AMAZON REGION

From 10 May to 14 August 1970, a medical mission, sent by the ICRC, was in the Brazilian Amazon region making a survey of the living conditions and state of health of the Indian populations to be found in different parts of the area. The results of the survey were published by the ICRC,¹ and a summarized account subsequently appeared in the "International Review of the Red Cross".²

Following the findings and recommendations of the medical team, the ICRC drew up, after taking also into consideration the plans of the Fundação Nacional do Índio (FUNAI), a draft programme of long-term assistance to the Indian population. After having been discussed at length at several meetings in which the President of the Brazilian Red Cross, the President of FUNAI and the ICRC delegate-general for Latin America took part, the programme was finally approved by the Brazilian authorities in 1972.

As soon as agreement had been reached, the ICRC got in touch with a number of countries which had expressed interest in the programme, with a view to obtaining the financial support that would be needed for its execution. The National Societies and governments of several countries (Denmark, the Federal Republic

¹ "Report of the ICRC Medical Mission to the Brazilian Amazon Region, May-August 1970". Geneva, October 1970 (ICRC Document D 1168 b).

² See "International Review", June 1971 and March 1974.