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taining over 1,200 detainees. In the course of those visits, the delegates distributed relief items to a value of about 53,600 Swiss francs.

In the *People's Democratic Republic of Yemen*, the ICRC closed down the delegation it had set up at Aden in 1967. Its activities for the benefit of political detainees had almost completely ceased at the beginning of 1973.

In both these last countries, the value of material assistance forwarded by the ICRC to the local Red Crescent Societies for distribution to needy persons amounted to 260,000 Swiss francs, including foodstuffs donated by the European Economic Community and the Swiss Government. ¹

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SUPPORT FOR THE ICRC'S TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES

In carrying out its traditional activities during 1974, the ICRC continued to provide various types of relief, such as:

- medical supplies, clothing and foodstuffs to prisoners of war, civilian detainees and civilian populations victims of the conflict between Israel and the Arab countries;
 - medical assistance to detainees visited by ICRC delegates in the various zones of intervention;
 - assistance to National Red Cross Societies;
 - assistance to certain national liberation movements.
- (See tables below.)

These activities were usually planned and budgeted in 6-monthly periods. During 1974, a total of 2,257,163 Swiss francs was spent for the dispatch of supplies from Geneva by the Relief Service and for purchases made on the spot by delegations. ²

FOOD AID

Under agreements reached with the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Swiss Government, the ICRC was able to

¹ See table of relief supplies, p. 62.

² See Financial Table VII, p. 108 for the interim total of actual expenditure.

provide substantial assistance in the form of foodstuffs to many National Societies and other beneficiaries.

In the course of the year, the Relief Service made 49 shipments totalling 9,981 tons of food (7,590 tons of flour, 2,391 tons of powdered milk) to seventeen countries in Africa, seven in the Middle East, six in Latin America, two in Asia and two in Europe, as well as to two African liberation movements. (See tables below.)

ACTIVITY ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE

To assist the many civilian victims and displaced persons created by the conflict which broke out in Cyprus in July 1974, the Relief Service organized a large-scale effort. Acting as co-ordinator, it assured during the initial phase, the delivery of emergency relief supplies by means of an airlift between Cyprus and logistic bases in Europe and the Middle East. Subsequently, regular deliveries were arranged in close co-operation with donor National Societies and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Thanks to the efficient help of several National Societies, it was possible to put mobile medical teams to work in all parts of the island.

The Relief Service concentrated all its resources in manpower and *matériel* without respite over a period of several months to this undertaking which led to an impressive demonstration of international solidarity. (See table of relief supplies, page 17.)

**RELIEF SUPPLIES DELIVERED OR DISTRIBUTED BY THE ICRC
DURING 1974**

Africa

		Sw. fr.
Algeria	60 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for drought victims	48,000.—
	5 tons of whole powdered milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for drought victims	35,000.—
Angola	Aid to prisoners	1,100.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	900.—
	Ambulance for Red Cross	21,000.—
Burundi	Aid to detainees	650.—
Cameroon	Aid to detainees	6,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	4,000.—
Central African Republic	Aid to Red Cross.	950.—
Chad	20 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for drought victims	80,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	2,100.—
Congo	20 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population. . . .	16,000.—
	Aid to detainees	1,500.—
	Aid to Portuguese prisoners	850.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	800.—
Ethiopia	50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for drought victims	40,000.—
	230 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population of the province of Eritrea	184,000.—
	Aid to detainees	311,500.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	20,000.—
Gambia	Aid to detainees	5,500.—
Ghana	Aid to Red Cross.	1,100.—
Guinea Bissau	Aid to PAIGC prisoners in Portuguese hands prior to independence	350.—
Kenya	50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population. . . .	40,000.—
Liberia	20 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population. . . .	16,000.—

		Sw. fr,
Mali	20 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for drought victims	80,000.—
Mauritania	40 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for civilian drought victims . . .	32,000.—
	20 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for civilian drought victims	80,000.—
	Aid to political detainees	7,900.—
	Aid to Red Crescent	10,000.—
Mauritius	50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population. . . .	40,000.—
Mozambique	10 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for victims of disturbances in Lourenço-Marquès	70,000.—
	Aid to victims of disturbances in Lourenço-Marquès	53,000.—
	Aid to displaced persons, Tete District . . .	10,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	800.—
	Aid to prisoners	400.—
Niger	20 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for drought victims	80,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	800.—
Rhodesia	30 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the population in protected villages	210,000.—
	Aid to detainees	32,900.—
	Medical aid to the population in protected villages	1,800.—
Rwanda	5 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for a Red Cross orphanage	35,000.—
	Aid to detainees	5,300.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	2,400.—
Senegal	40 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for drought victims	32,000.—
	20 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for drought victims	80,000.—
Sierra Leone	Aid to Red Cross.	750.—
South Africa	Aid to detainees	3,200.—
Togo	20 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population. . . .	16,000.—
	Aid to detainees	3,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	1,900.—

		Sw. fr.
Upper Volta	20 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for drought victims	80,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	12,800.—
Zaire	20 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population. . . .	16,000.—
	Aid to Portuguese prisoners	1,200.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	1,500.—
Zambia	Aid to detainees	4,300.—
FLNA	40 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for Angolan refugees in Zaire .	32,000.—
FRELIMO	77 kg of medicaments, a gift from the Swiss Red Cross	11,000.—
MPLA	Pharmaceutical products and foodstuffs for the Medical Assistance Service	4,800.—
	Ambulance	35,000.—
PAC	128 kg of medicaments	10,500.—
PAIGC	10 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian population	70,000.—
SWAPO	68 kg of medicaments	5,300.—
ZANU	42 kg of medicaments	5,000.—
ZAPU	104 kg of medicaments	4,500.—
Total Frs.		2,020,350.—

Latin America

Argentina	Aid to Red Cross	19,950.—
Bolivia	Aid to detainees	22,300.—
	Aid to families of detainees	6,200.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	5,100.—
Chile¹	600 tons of wheat flour and 120 tons of powdered whole milk, gifts of the Swiss Government for the civilian population	1,320,000.—
	1,500 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for the civilian population . . .	6,000,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	45,400.—
	Aid to Red Cross for flood victims	57,700.—
Colombia	Aid to detainees	5,700.—
	Aid to families of detainees	200.—

¹ Not including relief despatched and distributed under the special programme in Chile.

		Sw. frs,
Ecuador	Aid to detainees	1,200.—
Guyana	3 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	21,000.—
Haiti	10 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	70,000.—
Honduras	4 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	28,000.—
	Aid to detainees	12,800.—
Paraguay	3 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	21,000.—
	Aid to detainees	11,500.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	1,300.—
	Aid to families of detainees	1,700.—
Uruguay	10 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	70,000.—
	Aid to detainees	46,700.—
Total S. Frs.		7,767,750.—

Asia ¹

Bangladesh	60 kg of eyeglass frames, a gift from the Red Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany, and 43 kg of eyeglass lenses for the Islamia Eye Hospital at Dacca	18,000.—
BURMA	10 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	70,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	700.—
Democratic Republic of Vietnam	Provision by IRCA of prefabricated housing for the civilian population	6,678,400.—

¹ Relief designated as International Red Cross Assistance (IRCA) does not include the supplementary assistance supplied by National Red Cross Societies in the form of goods and services.

		Sw. fr.
Hong Kong	Aid to South Vietnamese repatriated persons	600.—
India	Aid to Red Cross.	500.—
Indonesia	Aid to detainees	82,800.—
Khmer Republic	Aid to prisoners of war	2,600.—
	IRCA relief programme for civilians	5,026,500.—
Laos	Aid to prisoners of war	2,700.—
	Aid to Burmese refugees	6,500.—
	IRCA relief programme for civilians	238,800.—
Laos Patriotic Front	Medical aid and miscellaneous	183,800.—
	IRCA relief programme for civilians	359,800.—
Malaysia	15 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Red Cross feeding programme.	105,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	1,700.—
Philippines	Aid to detainees	5,500.—
Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam	IRCA provision of hospital equipment . . .	919,400.—
Republic of Vietnam	Aid to prisoners of war	2,000.—
	Medico-social programme in orphanages . .	76,500.—
	IRCA relief programme for civilians	3,854,000.—
Sri Lanka	Aid to detainees	40,000.—
Total S. Frs.		17,675,800.—

Europe

Greece	One ton of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for a Red Cross children's home	7,000.—
Hungary	Medicaments for the Red Cross	2,200.—
Poland	Medicaments for the Red Cross	2,100.—
Romania	Medicaments	500.—
Miscellaneous	Medicaments for various countries	2,100.—
Total S. Frs.		13,900.—

Middle East

		Sw. fr.
Arab Republic of Egypt	100 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for displaced persons	80,000.—
	500 tons of wheat flour and 100 tons of powdered skimmed milk, gifts from the EEC for displaced persons	800,000.—
	Miscellaneous relief supplies	17,800.—
	Medicaments, surgical equipment, blankets, clothing, powdered milk, ambulances and wheelchairs, gifts from various National Red Cross Societies to the Red Crescent for the civilian population	1,353,100.—
Democratic Yemen	100 tons of wheat flour and 20 tons of powdered whole milk, gifts from the Swiss Government for the civilian population	220,000.—
	Aid to detainees and their families	9,600.—
Israel and occupied territories	1,800 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the Swiss Government for the civilian populations of the West Bank of the Jordan, Gaza and Sinai.	1,440,000.—
	Aid to civilian detainees	350,000.—
	Aid to civilian population and miscellaneous relief	46,300.—
Jordan	1,000 tons of wheat flour and 100 tons of powdered skimmed milk, gifts from the EEC for the civilian population	1,200,000.—
	Aid to detainees	4,300.—
Lebanon	100 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from the EEC for the civilian population.	400,000.—
	Aid to Red Cross.	31,500.—
Syria	10 tons of powdered whole milk, a gift from the Swiss Government for the Aleppo Red Crescent	70,000.—
	100 tons of powdered skimmed milk and 2,800 tons of wheat flour, gifts from the EEC for displaced persons from Golan	2,640,000.—
	Aid to civilian population	10,100.—
	Medicaments, surgical equipment, tents, blankets and powdered milk, gifts from various National Societies for the civilian population	1,136,600.—
Yemen	50 tons of wheat flour, a gift from the EEC for the civilian population	40,000.—
	Aid to detainees	53,600.—
	Equipment for prosthesis workshop at Sanaa	36,100.—

		Sw. fr.
Palestinian	50 tons of powdered skimmed milk, a gift from	
Red Crescent	the EEC for the civilian population	200,000.—
	Aid to Palestinian Red Crescent	48,800.—
	Medicaments and other medical material,	
	gifts from various National Red Cross Socie-	
	ties for the civilian population	80,000.—
"Magen David	Medicaments, surgical equipment and an	
Adom"	ambulance, gifts from various National Red	
	Cross Societies for the civilian population . .	262,800.—
	Total S. Frs.	<u>10,530,600,—</u>