Financial position

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IV. FINANCIAL POSITION

I. BALANCE SHEET

1. The increase of the balance sheet total (see table I) from 20,551 million francs at the end of 1969 to 31,926 million francs as at 31 December 1970, is explained mainly by the following:

(a)	ASSETS	1970	1969	Difference + (-)
		(in t	housands of fr	ancs)
	Securities	10,794 657 4,528 10,000	7,262 207 — 6,468	3,532 450 4,528 3,532
		25,979	13,937	12,042
	Other items	5,947	6,614	(667)
	Totals	31,926	20,551	11,375
(b)	LIABILITIES			
	Short-term: Accounts payable	2,720 4,528	1,582	1,138 4,528
		7,248	1,582	5,666
	Long-term: Swiss Government advance	9,500	6,340	3,160
	General Reserve	5,644	2,647	2,997
	The increase of is reduced by the lower figures of other liabilities, i.e			11,823 (448)
	Total			11,375

Two of the above items call for a word of explanation:

Funds in Trust Receivable. This item represents EEC commitments in contracts relating to the disposal of cereal surpluses as relief donations. The contra-entry in the liabilities is shown under Funds in Trust—Bank advances. The high amounts concerned, which were fully refunded at the beginning of 1971, are explained by the way in which relief action for flood victims in East Pakistan developed.

	In thousands of francs		
General Reserve — Balance brought forward from 31 December 1969 Special gift from the Swiss Confederation Appropriation added to receipts for 1970	8,000 (3,000)	2,647 5,000 7,647	
— Deduction of: Deficit	2,001	(2,003) 5,644	

2. Relief Action in Nigeria

As announced in the 1969 Annual Report, we have estimated the Swiss franc value of all aid supplied by all governments, National Societies, organizations and institutions which participated in the operations co-ordinated for nearly 18 months by the ICRC.

Figures available have enabled us to draw up the following table which is a statistical guide, not an accurate statement of expenditure.

	In thousands of Sw. fr.
1. SERVICES — Personnel	17,800 5,300 2,100 51,100
GIFTS IN KIND — Food	246,600 100,900
3. GIFTS IN CASH — Special projects	91,200 148,000 663,000

The above table shows that total expenditure during the eighteen months when the action was under ICRC co-ordination amounted to 663 million Swiss francs.

II. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Table II shows the nature of the financial system adopted by the ICRC in 1970 in order to bring into relief the three main types of expenditure incurred in the discharge of its various activities:

- 1. Permanent structure (second column of the table), the expenses for which can be predicted from year to year, as in any undertaking;
- 2. Temporary structure (third column), representing the additional human and material resources required for operations. Budget estimates in this case are subject to considerable change, depending on circumstances;
- 3. Occasional operations (fourth column), particularly some emergency relief operations. The cost must therefore be allowed for over and above the budget.

Three distinct methods of financing should be adopted in respect of these three types of expenditure, namely:

- Regular annual contributions to cover the cost of the permanent structure and thereby ensure the continuation of the institution's independence and mission;
- 2. A credit on which the ICRC may draw, according to needs, for its temporary structure;
- 3. Extraordinary financing through appeals to governments and National Societies in order to meet exceptional situations.

A. Expenditure and financing of permanent and temporary structures in 1970

1. Expenditure

The summary statement (table IIa) shows costs for the permanent and temporary structures amounting to Sw. Fr. 15,616,000, as compared with the Sw. Fr. 13,477,155 which was the total of all fixed and operating expenses in 1969 (cf. p. 113, table IIa and p. 115, table IIc, in the Annual Report for that year).

2. Receipts

The insufficiency of receipts (table IIa) compelled the ICRC to draw Sw. Fr. 2,001,000 from its General Reserve, in order to cover the deficit incurred for its permanent structure.

The cost of its temporary structure was covered by an advance of Sw. Fr. 3,532,000 and a donation of Sw. fr. 3,000,000 from the Swiss Government.

B. Expenditure and financing of occasional operations

Table IIb summarizes the accounts for the ICRC's action in Jordan from 6 September to 10 December 1970.

The net amount of the annual public collection in Switzerland in 1970, Sw. Fr. 883,000, is not included in the above accounts. It, together with other donations, is assigned to the provision of material relief which is distributed by the ICRC delegates in the course of their work.

Table IV shows the situation of this **Special Fund for Relief Actions.**

III. OTHER ACCOUNTS

Table V shows the situation of the Special Funds managed by the ICRC.

IV. AUDITING

As in previous years, the ICRC accounts have been checked by the Société Fiduciaire Romande OFOR S.A., which issued its report on 8 March 1971. A translation of that report completes the section dealing with the Financial Position.



Balance Sheet as

(In thousands

AS	S	E.	T	S
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	1970	1969
CASH	734	1,263
CURRENT ASSETS		
 — Securities	10,794 1,771 464	7,262 1,994 211
FIXED ASSETS	13,029	9,467
Relief supplies	162 657	229 207
	819	436
ADVANCES TO DELEGATIONS	482	311
— Receivable	4,528 2,334	2,606
DEFICIT ON RELIEF AND OTHER ACTIONS	6,862	2,606
— Yemen — Vietnam — Middle East — Aden — Greece — Textbook — Donation from Swiss Gov't	2,050 3,036 6,014 723 763 256 (2,842)	1,708 1,299 2,793 344 279 45
	10,000	6,468
BALANCE SHEET TOTALS	31,926	20,551
SURETY FOR GUARANTEE	400	400

at 31.12.70 and 31.12.69

of Swiss francs)

	LIA	BILITIES
	1970	1969
SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES		
— Sundry creditors	2,132 588	1,401 181
OTHER DEBTS	2,720	1,582
— Advance from Swiss Gov't	9,500	6,340
SUNDRY PROVISIONS	452	584
FUNDS FOR RELIEF ACTIONS		
— Cash	996 752	1,176 616
FUNDS IN TRUST	1,748	1,792
 Banks and suppliers	4,528 1,773 561	 2,606
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	6,862	2,606
General Reserve	7,645 (2,001)	3,168 (521)
	5,644	2,647
— Reserve for general conflict	5,000	5,000
	10,644	7,647
BALANCE SHEET TOTALS	31,926	20,551
GUARANTEE	400	400

FINANCE

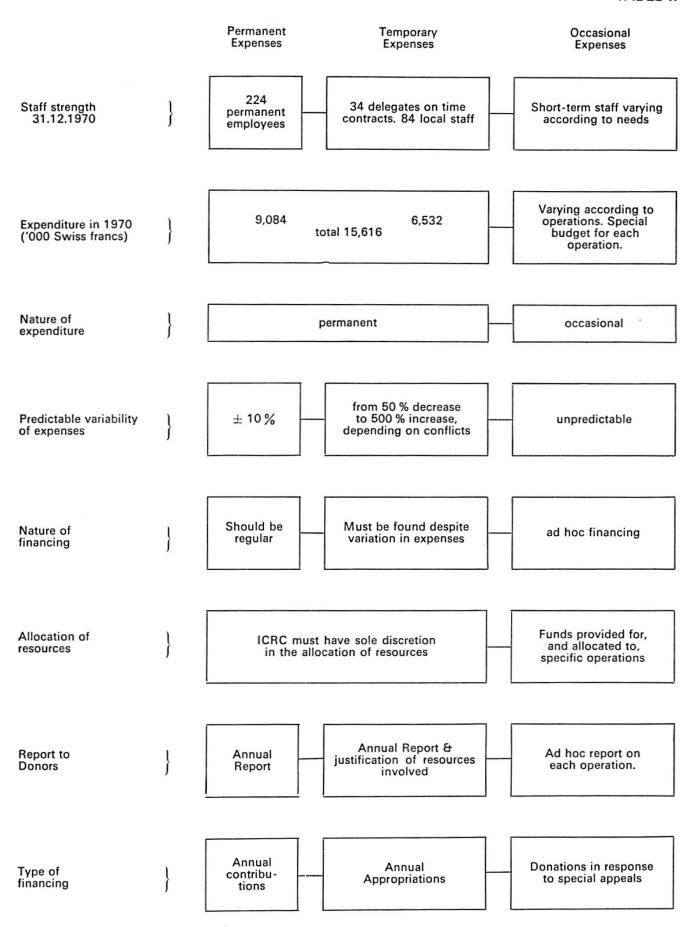
The ICRC's financial difficulties arise mainly from the fact that some of its expenditure can be predicted and some cannot. The predictable expenses include those for relief work by delegates in prison camps, for drafting legal provisions designed to protect and improve conditions for war victims, as well as the tracing of missing persons, the reuniting of families and the transmission of family messages.

Expenditure incurred in relief operations, when many medical teams and thousands of tons of medicines, foodstuffs and clothing, must be provided to meet emergency situations, fall into the unpredictable category. Nevertheless, the ICRC must obviously finance not only its permanent missions but also its emergency operations.

The ICRC's expenses may be divided into:

- those which are permanent, to cover the work of its permanent staff, and which are predictable as in any undertaking;
- those covering short term and occasional operations for which temporary staff are taken on during conflicts (although these expenses are variable, they can be provided for in the ICRC's annual budget);
- those covering unexpected relief operations for which the budget makes no provision and which are covered by appeals and special assistance.

Obviously the ICRC can carry out its activities only if it can rely on annual contributions which enable it to discharge its permanent duties.



Summary statement of expenditure

EXPENDITURE	
	Sw. Fr.
COMMITTEE, SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY, PROTOCOL	555,505
DEPARTMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND LAW	1,584,139
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT: Management, Logistics Division . Delegation Servicing Europe and North America	934,560 686,967 567,695 1,879,938 4,090,440 247,645 639,067 9,046,312
GENERAL AND PERMANENT SERVICES *	4,007,046
Cost of activities	15,193,002
Extraordinary depreciation	423,250
Total	15,616,252
* Includes: General Secretariat, Press and Information Division, Personnel Division, Finance and Administration Division	

and income for 1970

INCOME										
INCOME										
Contributio	ns									Sw. Fr
	: Swiss—annual .									2,500,0
	extraordina	ry						į		3,000,0
	current acc									3,532,0
										9,032,0
	Rest of Europe .									1,138,5
	Africa									145,2
	North America . Latin America		• •	•	•	•	•	٠		317,8 72,9
	Asia-Oceania		• 1• 3	• •	•	•	•	•	• •	468,5
	Asia Coodina		• •	•	•	•	** ***	•	•	11,174,9
National Soc	eties				•					737,6
										11,912,5
Donations f	rom Swiss firms .									339,2
Other dona	tions and legacies				٠			٠		643,7
Revenue fro	m investments									719,8
										13,615,4
Drawings o	n General Reserves					•	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			2,000,8
								т.	nt a l	15,616,2
								10	otal	10,010,2

Expenditure and income for the relief action in Jordan, 1970

Expenditure	Sw. Fr.
Personnel (salaries, expenses, expatriate allowances, insurances)	467,848
Delegation operating costs, including equipment	124,380
Storage, handling and port charges, etc	253,717
Transport and distribution	242,433
Purchase of relief and local expenses for food, clothing, tents, medicines, etc	939,593
Provision for artificial limb workshop and rehabilitation centre	250,000
	2,277,971
Receipts	
Government donations	1,011,100
National Society donations	1,030,720
Donations from other organizations and private individuals	236,151
	2,277,971

The overall cost of the relief action in Jordan, inclusive of donations in kind and services, is shown on page 87.

Contributions to the ICRC from Governments and National Societies

Countries	Governments	National Societies
Afghanistan	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Albania		700.—
Algeria		700. —.—
Australia	72,015.—	37,500.—
Austria ¹	25,000.—	15,000.—
Belgium	10,800.—	12,500.—
Botswana		1,500.—
Brazil	15,000.—	1,500.
Bulgaria	3,000.—	6,250.—
Burma	6,400.—	3,000.—
Burundi	2,160.—	-
Cameroon	3,895.—	
Canada	84,500.—	40,150.—
Central African Republic	3,130.—	—.—
Ceylon	2,560.—	:
Chile	8,640.—	6,315.—
China (People's Republic)	—.— I	5,000.—
Colombia	17,280.—	
Congo (Kinshasa)	10,825.—	-
Costa Rica		480.—
Cyprus		
Czechoslovakia		3,000.—
Denmark	57,485.—	4,000.—
Dominican Republic		3,070.—
Ecuador	2,265.—	3,000.—
El Salvador		2,720.—
Ethiopia		3,225.—
Finland	20,600.—	3,000.—
France	170,685.—	41,080.—
Gambia		
German Democratic Republic		6,000.—
German Federal Republic	237,000.—	49,056.—
Ghana	6,390.—	,
Greece	29,388.—	14,000.—
Haiti		2,390.—
Honduras	4,320.—	
Hungary		6,000.—
Iceland	2,500.—	2,000.—
India	44,800.—	1,704.—
Indonesia	15,000.—	3,565.—
Iran	20,000.—	15,450.—
Iraq	8,000.—	4,585.—
Ireland	7,500.—	4,755.—

Countries	Governments	National Societies
	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Icroal	15,025.—	OW. 11.
Israel	86,500.—	
Ivory Coast	3,210.—	
Jamaica	5,210.	
Japan	64,800.—	43,200.—
Jordan	12,480.—	40,200. ———
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of		2,000.—
Korea, Republic of	12,960.—	7,300.—
Kuwait		
Lebanon	34,305.—	3,565.—
Liechtenstein	10,000.—	3,565.—
Luxembourg	3,000.—	5,000.—
Malagasy Republic		—.—
Malaysia	5,500.—	—.—
Malta	1,535.—	—.—
Mexico	17,280.—	—.—
Monaco	3,890.—	3,500.—
Mongolia		
Morocco	15,020.—	,
Nepal	840.—	
Netherlands	15,000.—	55,000.—
New Zealand	28,610.—	10,865.—
Nicaragua	2,160.—	2,765.—
Nigeria	6,000.—	,
Norway	20,000.—	
Pakistan		
Peru		4,250.—
Philippines	15,065.—	10,750.—
Poland	30.000.—	15,000.—
Portugal	15,000.—	1,000.—
Romania		10,000.—
San Marino	2,720.—	2,720.—
Saudi Arabia		
Senegal		2,000.—
Sierra Leone	6,850.—	45.04.0
South Africa, Republic of	48,320.—	15,010.—
Spain	8,000.—	7,425.—
Sweden	83,090.—	10,020.—
Switzerland	2,500,000.—	0.705
Syria	4.705	2,795.—
Tanzania	1,705.—	c 000
Thailand	18,000.—	6,000.—
Togo	2,160.—	
Trinidad and Tobago	2,160.—	3,000.—
Turisia	9,650.—	16,300.—
Turkey	2,975.—	10,300
Uganda	39,860.—	
United Kingdom	103,475.—	31,035.—
	100,470.	
United States	216,000.—	108,000.—

Countries	Governments	National Societies
U.S.S.R	Sw. Fr. —.— 19,450.— 4,000.— 2,500.— 4,380,073.—	Sw. Fr. 16,200.— —.— 3,000.— 702,260.—
1 Austria, extra donation	166,930.— 95,920.— 4,642,923.—	—.— 35,350.— 737,610.—

SETTLEMENTS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

	Со	un	tri	es						Governments	National Societies
										Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Afghanistan										4,000.—	
Bulgaria										3,000.—	
Ecuador						-				1,485.—	
Gambia										515.—	
Ghana	200							- 1		4,220.—	
Greece						÷				695.—	 ;
Iraq										12,000.—	
Israel										15,000.—	
Japan											43,500.—
Korea, Republic of .										10,795.—	
Liberia										21,600.—	-,
Malaysia										5,500.—	—.—
Mongolia										1,075.—	
Netherlands	•									10,000.—	
Nigeria										6,000.—	
Norway											(3,000.—) *
Sweden											(10,000.—) *
Turkey											4,850.—
Upper Volta	•									390.—	
Exchange differences										(355.—)	—.—
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										95,920.—	35,350.—

^{*} Included in the Government's 1968 contribution

TABLE IV

Special fund for relief actions

	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Summary of movements in 1970		
Balance carried forward from 31 December 1969 .	,	1,791,870
2. RECEIPTS IN 1970		
2.1. Net product of public collection in Switzerland	883,000	
2.2. Other donations for specific actions	1,228,963	2,111,963
		3,903,833
3. EXPENDITURE IN 1970		
Purchases and forwarding charges:		**
— Europe 199,627		
— Africa		
— Latin America		
— South-East Asia 423,248		
— Middle East 728,728		
— Arab Peninsula (Yemen-Aden) 476,406		
— Sundries		
2,151,833		
— Maintenance of first-aid stores <u>4,000</u>		(2,155,833)
4. Balance as at 31 December 1970		1,748,000
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SPECIAL FUNDS

1. FOUNDATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1970

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Sw. Fr. Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr. Sw. Fr.
Public Securities, nominal value:	Inalienable capital 1,028,252.52
— Swiss Funds (market value Fr. 849,200)	Inalienable reserve fund: b/f from 1969
— Foreign Funds (market value Fr. 184,193)	Statutory allocation of 15 % of net revenue in 1970 7,373.35 182,461.20
Deposit with Swiss National Bank, Geneva	Total value of capital 1,210,713.72
Amounts receivable: — Administration Fédérale des Contributions, Berne (tax paid in advance, to be refunded) . 10,912.50	International Committee of the Red Cross: funds in current account 41,782.50
— German Federal Government (tax deducted at source, to be refunded)	1,252,496.22

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1970

EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS
	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Fees for safekeeping of securities and bank charges	588.40 <u>435.—</u> 1,023.40	Income from securities
Statutory allocation to inalienable reserve fund: 15 % of net revenue (Art. 8 of the Statutes). Allocation to the ICRC of balance of net revenue (Art. 7 of the Statutes)	7,373.35 41,782.50 50,179.25	50,179.25

2. AUGUSTA FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1970

ASSETS		LIABILITIES			
Sw. Fr. Swiss and other Government securities	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr. Sw. Fr. Inalienable capital			
tions (adjustment of value) 8,205.05 Total market value of securities Cash in banks	98,080.— 14,842.50 971.40 113,893.90	- Florence Nightingale Medal Fund, current account 3,166.25 - Creditor (allocation to Red Cross of the Republic of Vietnam still to be withdrawn) 2,000.— 5,166.25 - 113,893.90			

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1970

RECEIPTS

	Sw. Fr.
Income from securities	3,430.—
Interest on bank deposit	15.95
Appropriation of part of the reserve for price fluctuations	1,385.75
	4,831.70
EXPENDITURE	
Auditors' fee	200.—
Safekeeping and bank charges	79.70
Book loss on sale of securities	1,385.75
	1,665.45
RESULT	
Excess of receipts over expenditure in 1970 allocated to the Florence Nightingale Medal Fund, pursuant to resolution VI of the XXIst International Conference of the	
Red Cross	3,166.25

3. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1970

ASSETS	1	LIABILITIES			
	Sw. Fr.	Sw. F	r. Sw. Fr.		
Swiss Government securities (market value Fr. 28,800)		Capital			
ICRC, Augusta Fund, a/c	3,166.25 52,257.30	Excess of receipts over expenditure in 1970	5.25 27,257.30 52,257.30		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1970

EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS	
	Sw. Fr.		Sw. Fr.
Safekeeping and banking charges	en la companya da la	Income from securities	960.—
Excess of receipts over expenditure in 1970	1,191.— 2,935.25 4,126.25	Account, pursuant to resolution VI of the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross	3,166.25 4,126.25

4. THE CLARE R. BENEDICT FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1970

(expressed in US \$: appropriations not included)

ASSETS	5		LIABILITIES	
	\$	\$	*	\$
Securities:			Capital	1,000,000.—
— Book value	021,204.04		Reserve for market fluctuations	26,213.73
Less: Adjustment for market			Accounts payable	221.44
fluctuation	14,302.69		Excess of income over expenditure	60,665.70
— Market value	1,00	6,901.35		
Cash in bank	8	0,199.52		
	1,08	7,100.87		1,087,100.87

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1970

RECEIPTS

		\$
Income from securities		60,031.80
Interest on bank deposits		2,573.94
Written off from Reserve for Market Fluctuations		7,636.20
		70,241.94
EXPENDITURE		
	\$	\$
Safekeeping, administrative and other fees and expenses		2,634.46
Net loss on sale of securities:		
— Book loss	11,904.22	
— Less: Book profit	4,268.02	7,636.20
		10,270.66
RESULT		\$
1120021		
Excess of revenue over expenditure in 1970		59,971.28

Société Fiduciaire Romande OFOR S.A., Genève

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Geneva

Auditors' Report

on the accounts as at 31 December 1970

As the auditors of the accounts of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, we have verified their books of account for the year ended 31 December 1970 and report as follows:

- the Balance Sheet and the Receipts and Expenditure Account are in accordance with the accounts;
- the accounts have been accurately maintained;
- the accounts (...), and the note on the General Reserve¹ which must be read in conjunction with the accounts, truly reflect the financial position of the International Committee of the Red Cross as at 31 December 1970 and the financial results of its operations for the year in question.

On the basis of our examination, we recommend that the accounts submitted to you be approved.

Geneva, 8 March 1971.

SOCIÉTÉ FIDUCIAIRE ROMANDE OFOR S.A. (signed) M. Ecklin M. Laperrouza

¹ See comments on the Balance Sheet on page 121 of this Report.