

Algeria

As described in *Panorama*¹, a ceremony just held in Constantine, Algeria, gives a classic example of how one Red Cross Society can help another to develop a new service.

At the ceremony, Swedish Red Cross President Mr. Erland von Hofsten officially handed over to the Algerian Red Crescent Society the operation of an orthopaedic centre which was set up four years ago with Swedish assistance.

The centre was aimed, at the outset, at providing artificial limbs and other care for victims of accidents in former minefields left over from the Algerian war.

In the past four years more than 2,000 victims of mine explosions, mainly children and shepherds, as well as other types of accident cases, have been treated.

The Swedish Red Cross has spent more than 1,700,000 Swiss Francs on personnel and equipment for the centre, which is attached to a Constantine hospital. The staff, while caring for the patients (who number up to 60 at a time), have been training Algerian counterparts. Now the centre is under the direction of an Algerian doctor, trained in Sweden by the Red Cross.

Netherlands

On the occasion of its Centenary, the Netherlands Red Cross has produced an impressive work with many illustrations which describes the history and actions of the National Society since its foundation in 1867².

¹ League of Red Cross Societies, Geneva, February 1968.

² Jonkheer G. M. Verspyck, *Het nederlandse Roode Kruis (1867-1967)*, G. F. Callenbach, N.V., Nijkerk, 1967, 392 p.