

NEWS OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES

Formerly: International Bulletin of Red Cross Societies, founded in 1869

Bulgaria

Under the title *Bulgarian Red Cross*, the National Society has just published an album of photographs with captions in Russian, French and English. This album gives an extensive and vivid idea of the tasks undertaken under our emblem in Bulgaria. Be it in laboratories, public libraries, hospitals, hygiene classes, first-aid, sanitation supervision, the training of nurses, first-aid posts, education of youth in hygiene and emergency relief, etc., the Red Cross is present and volunteers play an important part in it.

One can follow with unwavering interest the country's development in the field of medical service for example, and, at the same time, the important help given by the Bulgarian Red Cross in the organization of sections and teams which have to bring hygiene, health and comfort to the population and also, by practical exercises, instil among people the idea of mutual assistance. Special attention is paid to all things related to childhood and the education of youth in hygiene. In the field of first-aid, the workman in the factory or mill, the peasant in the fields, the mountaineer on the summits, the sportsman in the stadium, all know that the Red Cross is at hand, ready to assist them. Thus it can be seen that the Red Cross may become an essential and vital element in the life of a country.

France

Under the title "*Cent ans de la Croix-Rouge Française — Au Service de l'Humanité*"¹ the French Red Cross has produced a fine work of some 180 pages, beautifully presented and amply illustrated. The preface was written by the President of the French Red Cross, Mr. André François-Poncet, in which he lays stress

¹ Hachette, Paris, 1963.