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## V. Relief Actions

In 1952 the International Committee carried out relief actions, in cash and in kind, to a total value of

Sw. Fr. 1,138,305

on behalf of various categories of war victims : disabled, prisoners of war, civilian internees, wounded and sick, orphans and refugees, in some 27 beneficiary countries.

The assistance given to the *war-disabled* will be found in the report in Chapter II, entitled " Assistance to the Disabled " <sup>1</sup>.

For prisoners and internees the assistance described in Chapter III under the heading " Visits to Places of Detention " <sup>2</sup> was supplemented by the distribution of relief parcels, particularly in South Korea, where prisoners of war have received recreational supplies and books.

In regard to other war victims, *wounded and sick, orphans, displaced or repatriated persons*, assistance consisted of funds placed at the disposal of the Italian and Japanese National Red Cross Societies, of medicaments (especially for tuberculosis sufferers in Austria, Bulgaria, Italy and Poland) and of clothing parcels for displaced or repatriated persons in Hungary and Italy.

The ICRC distributed relief in cash and in kind to new refugees who had taken shelter in Austria and Germany, and considerable quantities of foodstuffs, medicaments and clothing to various classes of the population, particularly in Greece where the cost of assistance amounted to Sw.Fr. 472,314 <sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See above, pages 26 and 27.

<sup>2</sup> See above, page 28.

<sup>3</sup> See below, *Part II*, Chapter I, page 45.

It may be mentioned that the ICRC gave its services for the alleviation of distress caused by famine in Southern India, a volcanic eruption in the Philippines and an earthquake in Turkey. In the first case it distributed medicaments and in the two others it gave cash donations.

The ICRC received and examined over twelve thousand requests for individual relief. As far as its resources allowed it gave favourable consideration to the most deserving requests, particularly those received from the war-disabled<sup>1</sup>; in a certain number of cases, of which the majority concerned persons who had taken refuge in Austria, Germany, Italy and Switzerland, it applied to National Red Cross Societies and other relief organisations for purposes of investigation and assistance.

The following table gives details, classified by countries and categories, of the beneficiaries of these relief actions, including those for the disabled.

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<sup>1</sup> See below, *Part II*, Chapter I, page 45.

RELIEF SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED OR TRANSMITTED BY THE ICRC  
DURING 1952

| Countries                      | BENEFICIARIES                        | Totals by beneficiaries |         | Totals by Countries |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                                |                                      | kgs                     | Frs     | kgs                 | Frs     |
| ALBANIA                        | Greek nationals                      | 330                     | 1,665   | 330                 | 1,665   |
| AUSTRALIA                      | War-disabled                         | 7                       | 2,502   | 7                   | 2,502   |
| AUSTRIA                        | Civilian population                  | 86                      | 3,340   | —                   | —       |
|                                | Repatriates                          | 95                      | 3,093   | —                   | —       |
|                                | Refugees                             | 163                     | 2,731   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | 54                      | 3,938   | 398                 | 13,092  |
| BULGARIA                       | Civilian population                  | 123                     | 1,478   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | 255                     | 1,616   | 378                 | 3,094   |
| FINLAND                        | War-disabled                         | 234                     | 4,013   | 234                 | 4,013   |
| FRANCE                         | Refugees                             | —                       | 2,000   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | 34                      | 8,159   | —                   | 4,500   |
|                                | War-disabled refugees                | —                       | 2,500   | 34                  | 8,159   |
| GERMANY<br>Federal<br>Republic | Civilian population                  | 179                     | 228     | —                   | —       |
|                                | Displaced persons                    | 164                     | 509     | —                   | —       |
|                                | Refugees, German-speaking minorities | —                       | 23,500  | —                   | —       |
|                                | East Germans                         | 82                      | 5,442   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | —                       | 97      | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | —                       | 2,682   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled refugees                | 16                      | 54      | —                   | —       |
|                                | Totals . . . . .                     | —                       | 23,597  | —                   | —       |
| Democratic<br>Republic         |                                      | 441                     | 8,915   | —                   | —       |
|                                | Civilian population                  | 1,914                   | 84,694  | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | 28                      | 7,305   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | —                       | 1,048   | —                   | —       |
|                                | Totals . . . . .                     | —                       | 1,048   | —                   | 24,645  |
|                                |                                      | 1,942                   | 91,999  | 2,383               | 100,914 |
| GREECE                         | Civilian population                  | 33,568                  | 214,060 | —                   | —       |
|                                | Prisoners and exiles                 | 37,940                  | 255,765 | —                   | —       |
|                                | Refugees                             | 500                     | 1,856   | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | 30                      | 633     | 72,038              | 472,314 |
| HUNGARY                        | Civilian population                  | 15                      | 1,076   | —                   | —       |
|                                | Displaced persons                    | 8,253                   | 93,450  | —                   | —       |
|                                | War-disabled                         | —                       | 148     | 8,268               | 94,674  |
| INDIA (Madras)                 | Civilian population                  | 852                     | 38,585  | 852                 | 38,585  |
| INDO-CHINA                     | Civilian population                  | —                       | 385     | —                   | —       |
|                                | Wounded and sick                     | 250                     | 2,100   | 250                 | 2,485   |
| INDONESIA                      | Civilian population                  | 23                      | 2,280   | 23                  | 2,280   |

| Countries  | BENEFICIARIES                            | Totals by beneficiaries |         | Totals by Countries |           |
|--|--|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
|  |  | kgs                     | Frs     | kgs                 | Frs       |
| ITALY  | Repatriates                              | 2,700                   | 37,500  |                     |           |
|  | Refugees                                 | —                       | 5,000   |                     |           |
|  | Refugees                                 | 142                     | 2,219   |                     |           |
|  | Tuberculous war victims                  | 994                     | 41,021  |                     | 5,000     |
|  | War-disabled                             | —                       | 321     | 3,836               | 81,061    |
| JAPAN  | War victims                              | —                       | 102,177 | —                   | 102,177   |
|  | Civilian population                      | 100                     | 3,800   | 100                 | 3,800     |
| JORDAN   | War-disabled                             | —                       | 1,770   | —                   | 1,770     |
| KOREA (SOUTH)  | Prisoners of War                         | —                       | 36,508  | —                   | 36,508    |
| PAKISTAN   | Refugees from Cashmere                   | 2,464                   | 26,210  | 2,464               | 26,210    |
| PHILIPPINES  | Civilian population                      | —                       | 6,555   |                     |           |
|  | Japanese military detainees              | —                       | 3,125   | —                   | 9,680     |
| POLAND   | Civilian population                      | 760                     | 26,933  |                     |           |
|  | German detainees                         | 12                      | 301     |                     |           |
|  | War-disabled                             | 18                      | 8,220   | 790                 | 35,454    |
| RUMANIA  | Civilian population                      | 10                      | 544     |                     |           |
|  | Displaced persons                        | 167                     | 1,495   |                     |           |
|  | War-disabled                             | —                       | 155     | 177                 | 2,194     |
| SWITZERLAND  | War-disabled in treatment in Switzerland | —                       | 9,107   | —                   | 9,107     |
| TRIESTE  | Refugees                                 | —                       | 3,400   | —                   | 3,400     |
| TURKEY   | Civilian population                      | —                       | 15,800  | —                   | 15,800    |
| USSR   | Japanese detainees                       | 306                     | 1,530   | 306                 | 1,530     |
| YUGOSLAVIA   | Civilian population                      | 67                      | 2,833   |                     |           |
|  | German detainees                         | 456                     | 3,224   |                     |           |
|  | War-disabled                             | 2,896                   | 19,551  | 3,419               | 25,608    |
| VARIOUS COUNTRIES  | Civilian population                      | 73                      | 2,297   |                     |           |
|  | War-disabled                             | —                       | 99      |                     |           |
|  | Sundry                                   | —                       | 2,254   |                     | 2,254     |
|  | Sundry                                   | 16                      | 1,434   | 89                  | 3,830     |
|  |  |                         |         | 96,376              | 173,163   |
|  |  |                         |         |                     | 965,412   |
| GENERAL TOTAL <sup>1</sup> . . .                         |  |                         |         |                     | 1,138,305 |
| Total value of relief supplied by other donors . . . . . |  |                         |         |                     | 624,071   |
|  |  |                         |         |                     | 514,234   |
| Total value of relief supplied by the ICRC               |  |                         |         |                     | 1,138,305 |

<sup>1</sup> Remarks : The figures in italics represent relief in cash. Weights are not indicated in the case of special relief items (special drugs, or orthopaedic supplies, individual and intellectual relief, etc.)