

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

WORLD RED CROSS DAY 1969

The year 1969 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the League of Red Cross Societies, which was formally established on 5 May, 1919, in Paris. A few weeks earlier (from 1 to 11 April, 1919) an International Medical Conference at Cannes (France) had urged the creation of a "Federation of all the Red Cross Societies of the world".

These dates are very close to that of 8 May, traditionally World Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Day.

It seemed natural that for 1969 the theme of this Day and the documentation the League Secretariat is preparing as usual for its member Societies, should centre on the 50th Anniversary. Relatively little will be said, however, about the Federation's history; the main emphasis will be on the future.

In this context the suggested theme for 1969 World Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Day is: *in a changing world, red cross stands for tomorrow*. This should capture public attention in every country. It shows that, in a rapidly changing world, the Red Cross is not a thing of the past but definitely of the present, endeavouring to anticipate the future by bringing improved techniques and realism to its tasks and its concern for a better and more peaceful world.