

The number of patients is expected to rise; announcements are being broadcast on radio and television for all disabled to come forward. At the same time, various kinds of material, mainly surgical plastic and resin and other equipment, will soon be sent by the ICRC, and specialists to reinforce the Lebanese team.

ICRC aid will be extended to the paraplegics, who are in need of wheelchairs and medical care. There is also a demand for artificial eyes which, while they do not restore sight, at least give the patient a more natural appearance and help him to have more confidence in life.

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### APPEAL TO NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES

The International Review *wishes to give its readers every month, under the heading "In the Red Cross World", reports on the organization and principal activities of the National Red Cross Societies.*

*To do this, the editor uses the documents he has available, such as reports by delegates and brochures and periodicals published by the Societies.*

*The Review would like to go beyond this and publish texts written by the Societies themselves. It therefore asks Red Cross Societies to send texts, and if possible photos, dealing with their main activities, their problems and their plans for the future. The Review is convinced that its readers would be greatly interested in such material, which would certainly contribute to the exchange of ideas and enable each Society to benefit from experience elsewhere.*

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### TWENTY-THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS

In its January 1977 issue, the International Review of the Red Cross published the provisional programme and agenda of the twenty-third International Conference of the Red Cross, to be held at Bucharest from 15 to 21 October 1977. Previously, starting on 4 October, various other meetings will take place: the Board of Governors, the Council of Delegates and other bodies of the League of Red Cross Societies.

In January, the Red Cross of Romania sent notices of convocation to the States signatories to the Geneva Conventions, to recognized National Societies, and to the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, all of which are full members of the Conference. Invitations were also sent to a number of observers.