

humane behaviour should be encouraged with greater zeal and the white flag with the red cross should be raised even higher. Thus may there come a day when the banner of charity will dominate the flag of war. ”

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## Greece

The Hellenic Red Cross devoted May 8, 1963 to the official celebration of our movement's Centenary. An impressive ceremony took place at the Odeon of Herod Atticus in front of a large gathering and in the presence of members of the Government and leaders of the National Society, the Swiss Ambassador in Athens and other personalities. Above the tiers of the theatre flew the flags of every district in Greece and this event was the occasion for the assembling of hundreds of nurses dressed in different coloured costumes<sup>1</sup>.

Before the official ceremony began, flowers were placed before the portraits of Henry Dunant and Queen Olga, founder of the National Society, and the hymn of the Hellenic Junior Red Cross was sung by children and young people. The Archbishop of Athens, the Metropolitan Christostomos, honorary Vice-President of the Red Cross Society, then officially opened the ceremony.

Speeches were delivered by H.M. the King of Greece, the Minister of Social Welfare and by the President of the Hellenic Red Cross, Mr. Georgacopoulos, who recalled important historical events in the history of the Red Cross.

The ceremony was closed by the blessing of the flag of the Red Cross by the Archbishop of Athens, followed by the singing of the national anthem by those present.

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<sup>1</sup> *Plate.*