

ANOTHER REPATRIATION OPERATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

From the 7th to the 14th September 1976 a third operation for the repatriation of foreigners from Ho-Chi-Minh Ville took place under ICRC auspices. It was carried out by an aircraft chartered for the purpose by the ICRC and in six flights enabled 938 Indians, 155 Taiwanese, 130 Yemenis, 106 Pakistanis, 48 Koreans and 12 Indonesians to return to their countries of origin. The previous two operations, from the 28th December 1975 to the 8th January 1976, and from the 26th to the 29th February 1976, were reported in our issues of January and February.

In all, the ICRC has arranged the repatriation of more than 3,000 foreigners who wished to go to their homelands.¹

This repatriation scheme, conducted in close co-operation with the Government and Red Cross of Viet Nam and of the countries of origin, was one aspect of the joint ICRC-League action programme in Indo-China. This was launched at the end of 1972, since when the value of relief distributed to the war victims has amounted to some 125 million Swiss francs.

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Following this third repatriation operation, the joint ICRC-League office in Ho-Chi-Minh Ville, under Mr. P. Guberan, was closed down. All problems of concern to the International Red Cross will henceforth be dealt with by the Hanoi delegation.

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A great number of these persons have already expressed their gratitude to the Red Cross at the time of the repatriation operation while others sent messages of thanks to Geneva.