

Nicaragua

We have already mentioned that a delegate of the ICRC, Mr. P. Jequier, has recently undertaken a mission to Managua. To this, which only concerned International Committee work, we would add how effective and prompt is the Nicaraguan Red Cross in times of civil disorders.

When serious troubles broke out in Managua, the National Society's first-aiders and ambulances immediately collected the wounded from the streets and, as a result of representations made by the President of the Red Cross, a truce was concluded.

Shortly after Mr. Jequier had visited persons detained in two prisons following on the events, the doctor of the Nicaraguan Red Cross was able to visit them, give them treatment and distribute medicines. At a meeting of the executive committee the ICRC representative explained the tasks devolving on the Geneva institution. From reports submitted by leading members of the National Society he could see its effectiveness at a moment when the country was passing through a difficult period and whose work was widely publicized in the press and on the radio and television networks.

Mention should be made *inter alia* of first-aid activities and of the fact that at week-ends voluntary first-aiders carrying stretchers and driving ambulances take over the transport of the sick and wounded. The Red Cross dispensary in Managua is open every morning where several doctors are in permanent attendance. This centre gives aid which is much appreciated by the population and especially by mothers arriving with their children for maternity and infant care consultations.

We would also mention that the Grey Ladies, committees of whom also exist in other Latin American countries, visit the sick in the general hospital and that a Junior Section actively helps in Red Cross work.