

Lebanon

Lebanese Red Cross week was inaugurated on May 8 last, in brilliant style in honour of the Centenary.

The population was informed of the Society's activities and of its financial needs. Eight shop-windows were offered by large stores in the town and were decorated with numerous posters representing various themes relative to nursing, Junior Red Cross, blood banks, etc. The streets and main centres were gay with bunting.

On May 8, a picture of Henry Dunant was displayed on the front of a large Beirut cinema, together with the wording: "Centenary of the Red Cross". The official ceremony which took place inside was attended by the Prime Minister and a large audience. A first showing was given of a colour film on the work of mobile ambulances and air hostesses which was a pronounced success.

Two speeches were made, one in Arabic and one in French, by two lady-members of the Red Cross. The Prime Minister replied and other personalities in political and literary circles also addressed the audience. Finally, a large procession was formed, including all branches of the Red Cross, joined by delegations from the regional committees dressed in their uniforms. This procession marched past the officials and was cheered all the way¹. The Television, Radio and Press considerably contributed to the success of these celebrations in official commemoration of the Red Cross Centenary.

This success is evident from the words of one of the leaders of the National Society, who wrote to the ICRC: "Never have we felt so much the extent to which the Red Cross has won the hearts of all the people of the Lebanon, irrespective of political or religious considerations. This is the best and finest recompense for the small Lebanese Red Cross army of peace".

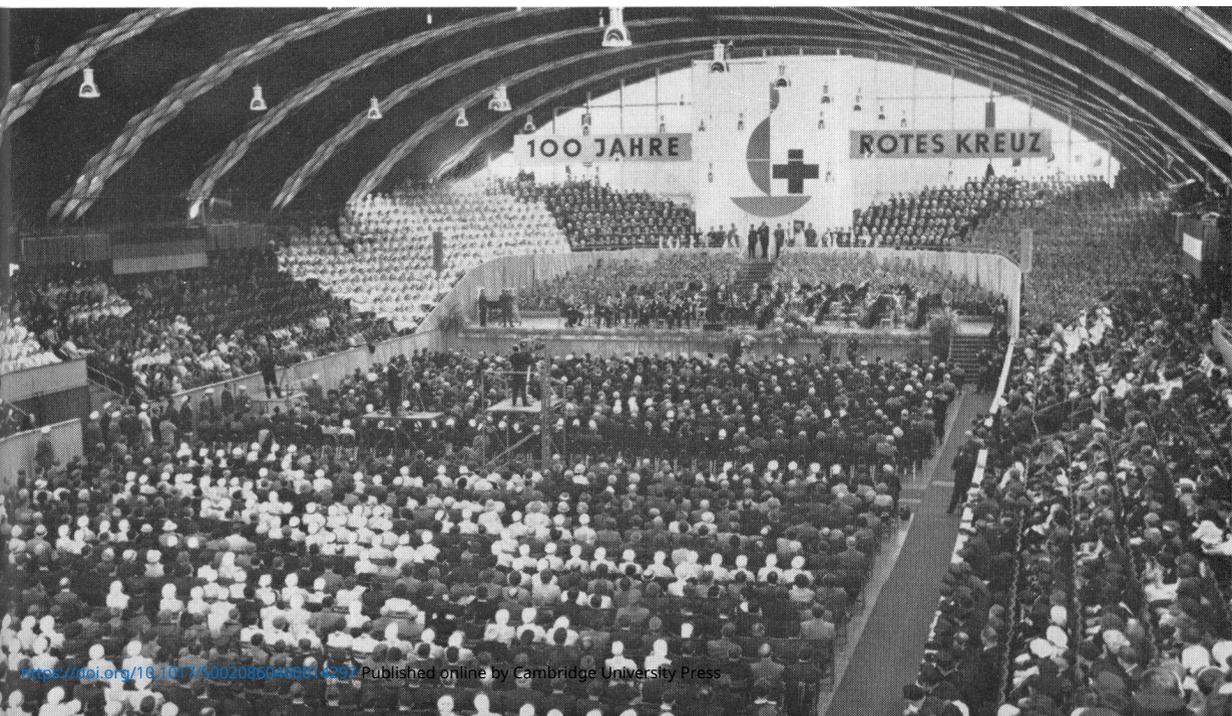
¹ *Plate.*



MONTEVIDEO — During the celebrations of the Uruguayan Red Cross, the national colours and those of the Red Cross being hoisted by the President, Mr. Maisonave, in the middle of some of the Society's nurses.

TRIBUTES TO THE RED CROSS CENTENARY

MÜNSTER — Official ceremony organized by the German Red Cross in the German Federal Republic.





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GREECE —
Ceremony in Athens.

LEBANON — *March past of Red Cross nurses in the streets of Beirut.*

