

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE AT ARTEK**

*The League has published the following account<sup>1</sup> of the international meeting organized by the Alliance and attended by young people from Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, the Democratic Republic of Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, the Netherlands, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.*

*The Artek meeting was also attended by the Director of the League Junior Red Cross Bureau. Like the Ottawa "Rendez-vous 67" it was a manifestation of the ever-increasing contribution by the youth of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies to promote mutual assistance and the cause of peace.*

In the Centenary year of the National Society, youth of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR invited counterparts from 21 National Societies to join them at an international centre on the shores of the Black Sea.

Over sixty Juniors from three continents met with Soviet Red Cross Youth pioneers at Artek, in a holiday centre for young people, for two weeks, 15-28 August. Health and first aid competitions, sports events and informal discussions illustrated the theme of the meeting—health, humanism and peace. The Junior Red Cross pioneers, 800 in all, and all members of first aid and health teams, were selected by contests from all Republics of the Soviet Union. They were joined for a closing mass rally in a sports stadium by 5000 more pioneers, among them representatives of a number of different countries.

The centre closed with a trip to Moscow for the Juniors from abroad, where they were addressed by the cosmonaut Belaiev.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Panorama*, August-September 1967.