

vantage of the specialized knowledge of the Red Cross and its close liaison with other similar groups abroad, has been successful in channelling Canadian emergency or disaster aid in an efficient and direct way. Aid donated to foreign countries in this way is cited as "a gift from the Canadian people through the Canadian Red Cross Society".

The number of countries assisted and types of aid provided have been considerable. Money, personnel and supplies have been sent to every part of the world—for example, to Greece, India, Lebanon and Uruguay. The recent operations in Morocco are typical of the action taken by the Red Cross using the resources of the International Relief Fund. Late in October, ten thousand Moroccans were stricken with paralysis following the consumption of adulterated cooking oils. The victims required doctors specializing in physical medicine and physiotherapists from abroad to assist in their rehabilitation, as no such specialized professional personnel was available in that country. The international response from fourteen countries brought the services of many doctors, nurses and physiotherapists, including three doctors and seven physiotherapists from Canada. In addition to a grant of \$20,000 from the International Relief Fund towards the financing of the project, the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Junior Red Cross, the RCAF and the Rehabilitation Institute of Montreal contributed to the operation. Now, four months later, the situation is well in hand and the outlook for the future is better than could have been expected. It was a tribute to Canada that Dr. Gustave Gingras of Montreal and his successor, Dr. Max Desmarais of Winnipeg, were chosen as the senior Red Cross delegates in the operation of this, the largest peace-time medical rehabilitation operation.

The Agadir catastrophe came while this operation was being carried out. By a temporary transfer of some personnel already in Morocco, the League of Red Cross Societies was able to mobilize its forces quickly to provide emergency relief until further aid could be secured from abroad. As mentioned earlier in this article, Canada again contributed personnel and equipment to the co-ordinated relief operation; total funds provided from the International Relief Fund for Morocco during the past six months were \$40,000.

It has been extremely valuable to have had the International Relief Fund available to the Canadian Red Cross in order to employ Canadian resources and willingness effectively in response to requests for emergency relief. The efficient operation of the Fund has contributed greatly to the reputation of Canada abroad as a nation responsive to the needs and misfortunes of nations struck by natural catastrophe.