

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Through their art, album, music, craft and magazine exchange programmes, Canadian Juniors were in continual touch with children in 61 lands, the Canadian Red Cross reports in a review of its work during 1957. They doubled the value of their friendship gifts--health kits, school supplies, clothing, quilts and toys--which were sent to children in 14 countries. They contributed \$50,862.13 to their Fund for International Help and Understanding, from which help was extended to children in 17 countries.

Perhaps the most interesting of these projects was the "adoption" of ten Korean high schools by the Regina, Brantford, Toronto, Montreal and St. John's Inter-High School Councils for the purpose of providing each school with \$500 worth of laboratory equipment. Established as a friendship project, the Canadian and Korean schools are encouraged to enter into direct correspondence with each other. Many interesting photographs, letters and small gifts have been exchanged. This project was continued into 1958 with the adoption of twelve more Korean schools. A similar project was undertaken by the Montreal High School Council which gave the proceeds of its annual Variety Revue to the purchase of sewing machines, carpentry tools and materials for the establishment of a self-help project in Ceylon. Since 1954 Canadian Juniors have given \$24,310.00 as an operational subsidy for the Inchon Children's Sanitorium in Korea. In 1956, under the aegis of the League of Red Cross Societies, other national Junior Red Cross sections undertook to assist in this project as well.

The Canadian Junior Red Cross film, "Friends in Deed", has now been seen by many thousands of people in all parts of the world. Two prints given to the Department of External Affairs in 1956 have been widely shown in nine countries of Europe and Asia. German and Spanish sound tracks were prepared for this film by the German Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies respectively; thus this film is now available to National Societies on a loan basis through the League, in four languages.

During the year a film strip, "The Children of Korea", was produced. This film strip has been useful in helping Canadian Juniors to grow in their understanding of these children to whom they have rendered so much assistance during the past several years.

In 1957 the Canadian Junior Red Cross was awarded a UNESCO Travel Grant, one of several given annually by that organization to international youth groups. The grant was given to Mr. Bernard Keeler, a school principal of Milton, Nova Scotia, for the purpose of travelling to Iran and Lebanon to explore the possibilities of suitable self-help pro-

jects to be financed in part by monies from the Fund for International Help and Understanding. En route, he studied the Junior Red Cross activities in nine countries of Europe. The report submitted by Mr. Keeler at the conclusion of his Study Visit will be of value to the Canadian Junior Red Cross in its future international relief work, with special emphasis on projects designed to help other countries help themselves.

In April the National Director participated in a meeting of the Junior Red Cross Advisory Committee of the League held for three days in Geneva. Thirty-one national sections were represented at this meeting. International study centres, the standardization of international relief programmes, and ways and means of improving the friendship exchange programmes of the Junior Red Cross and of relating the Junior Red Cross more closely to education were the chief items on the agenda.

Several interesting projects designed to further the ideals of international understanding are being developed by the branches in the Department of National Defence Schools in Germany. With the initial leadership coming from the Canadian teachers individual groups of Canadian and German Juniors are now working together on joint service projects designed to help persons within the German community in which these Juniors live. Five Juniors and one teacher from these schools participated in a Training Centre operated by the American Junior Red Cross in Germany for its Dependents' Schools.

Two articles on the activities of the Canadian Junior Red Cross appeared in League publications during the year, one on the Handicapped and Crippled Children's work in the Junior Red Cross Newsletter of the League, and the other on the international self-help activities in the senior publication, THE RED CROSS WORLD.

During 1957 plans were started on an International Training Centre to be held in Canada in 1959 on the campus of the University of Toronto, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of a charter to the Canadian Red Cross Society and the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Red Cross idea on the battlefield of Solferino. Invitations were extended to each of the 71 Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies that have a Junior section to send four Junior members between the ages of 15 and 18 years as delegates to this Centre. To date, 25 of these Societies have indicated their intention of accepting this invitation.

WORK FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Canadian Juniors contributed \$218,464.80 to their Junior Red Cross Handicapped and Crippled Children's Fund during 1957. Assist-