Financial position

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III. FINANCIAL POSITION

Examination of the accounts of the International Committee of the Red Cross once again shows the insufficiency of its regular receipts which, it should be recalled, consist essentially of contributions of governments parties to the Geneva Conventions and of the National Red Cross Societies, to which the ICRC reiterates its gratitude for their moral and material support.

In 1964, seven countries with a total of 1,490,000 Swiss francs supplied approximately 73% of government contributions. The remaining amount of 550,000 frs. was divided between 52 governments.

International Conferences of the Red Cross have on a number of occasions expressed the wish that National Societies participate in the financing of the ICRC and recommended that they take the necessary steps with their respective governments for them to provide regular financial support for the work of the International Committee. In addition, Resolution No. 11 of the 1949 Diplomatic Conference, which was attended by representatives from most States, recognized the necessity of giving the ICRC such support.

In view of the complexity and increasing amplitude of the tasks entrusted to it, the International Committee of the Red Cross addresses itself more especially to Governments signatories of the Geneva Conventions and expresses to them its earnest hope that it will be possible, at the cost of greater effort, for them to increase their annual contributions.

In appealing to the spirit of solidarity in the face of suffering, which is without doubt the fundamental principle not only of the Red Cross, but also of the whole civilized world, the ICRC turns towards those who have been spared the distress of conflicts in order earnestly to request them to participate financially, which is essential for the accomplishment of its mission.

The annual accounts which closed on December 31, 1964, and which are shown below, have been audited and certified correct by the Société fiduciaire romande Ofor S.A., recognized by the Swiss Federal Council and the Federal Banking Commission.

1. Balance sheet (table I)

In comparison with 1963, the balance sheet shows an appreciable increase in "debtors" and "deficits for relief actions still to be covered," as a result of ICRC activities in Nepal and the Yemen.

On the debit side, the "creditors" entry represents a proportional increase of advances agreed to ensure the necessary funds for the continuation of these actions.

The excess of expenditure over ordinary receipts for the year, amounting to 497,237.92 frs. has been written off by withdrawal from reserve for general risks, which is rapidly diminishing.

2. General account of ordinary expenditure and receipts in 1964 (table II)

In order to show the general organization and action of the International Committee of the Red Cross more clearly, expenditure for 1964 has been classified according to its principal centres of activity.

Amounts shown as expenses are free of all refunds previously placed under receipts and represent the ICRC's real charges. Since then, receipts correspond to financial operations and represent actual cash assets.

In comparison with the previous year, expenditure, adjusted in keeping with the above, has only increased by 8%, in spite of increasing activity, thanks to economic and careful management.

The excess of expenditure over receipts, i.e. 497,237.29, Sw. fr. constitutes the deficit shown on the balance sheet and which reduces the reserve for general risks.

3. Contributions to the ICRC in 1964 from Governments and National Red Cross Societies (table III)

These receipts have been analysed in the preamble.

4. Summary of General Account for Relief Actions in 1964 (table IV)

The appreciable increase of various items in this account, both expenditure and receipts, emphasizes the growing activity of the International Committee of the Red Cross during 1964 in the sphere of relief brought to the victims of conflicts.

5. Summary Estimate of Ordinary Expenditure and Receipts of the ICRC for 1965 (table V)

Estimates of expenditure take into account the rise of the costof-living index for the salaries of personnel. In addition, the extension of relief actions and the development of humanitarian law have obliged the ICRC to make certain renewals in its numbers, resulting in increased charges.

The administration has been able to make a reduction of 27% in personnel expenditure, although increased costs for the maintenance of buildings and office equipment must be expected.

As regards receipts, a decrease in the amount of various donations has been estimated. In fact, the International Committee benefited in 1964, following on its Centenary, from exceptional contributions on which it cannot count in the future.

Expenditure in excess of receipts amounts to a figure of more than one million Swiss francs.

- 6. Balance Sheet and Receipts and Expenditure Account in 1964 relative to special Funds (table VI)
 - 1. Foundation of the International Committee of the Red Cross
 - 2. Augusta Fund
 - 3. Empress Shôken Fund
 - 4. Florence Nightingale Medal Fund.

TABLES

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET AS ON

	a . T	a
ASSETS	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Available and Realizable	*	
Cash in hand:	a a	~
— in Swiss francs	26,349.02	
— in foreign currency	9,466.79 112,936.89	
Bank Balances:		
— in Swiss francs	635,950.39 24,766.45	
Public securities	10,402,001.—	
Other deposits	3,018,360.05	14,229,840.59
Debtors		14,229,640.59
Governments	694,898.69	v s
National Red Cross Societies	91,586.02	
Sundry organizations	65,747.45 355,398.92	
Delegates and other ICRC staff members	34,849.34	
Special funds administered by ICRC	41,833.46 714,534.48	e e
Other deptors and retundable costs	714,334.40	1,998,848.36
Temporary Assets		291,009.44
Commodities, current stocks	15	28,130.05
Other Assets (nominal)		
Capital share in the "Foundation for the Organization		
of Red Cross Transports "	1.— 1.—	
rumeure, macmies, equipment		2.—
TRUST FUNDS		,
Balance of interest on funds received in connection with		
the Peace Treaty with Japan (assets in foreign currency)	392,897.04	
3,		392,897.04
Total assets		16,940,727.48
DEFICIT, STILL TO BE COVERED, ON RELIEF ACTION IN:		
Nepal	1,379,338.04 2,210,043.46	¢.
2011011		3,589,381.50
Debtor for security: Foundation for the Organization of		20,530,108.98
Red Cross Transports		400,000.—

DECEMBER 31, 1964

	Sw. Fr.	C E
LIABILITIES	Sw. F1.	Sw. Fr.
Funds for Relief Actions		1
Funds not yet assigned	1,080,526.15 520,009.56 567,236.44	2,167,722.15
Creditors		
Governments	3,461,963.45 66,148.63 23,643.17 38,685.60	
Others	524,380,04	4,114,820.89
Temporary Liabilities	e	578,155.68
TRUST FUND Funds in connection with the Peace Treaty with Japan, art. 16		392,897.04
Provisions		
Provision for the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross	180,000.— 242,289.10	422,289.10
Reserves		
Reserve for action in case of conflict	5,000,000.—	
Less: Deficit for 1964	2,854,174.12	7,854,174.12
Guarantee Fund		5,000,000.—
		20,530,108.98
Guarantee in favour of the "Foundation for the Organi-		400,000
zation of Red Cross Transports "	1	400,000.—

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL ACCOUNT OF ORDINARY

	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
EXPENDITURE		*
I. External Activities		
(Missions in the case of conflicts—Relief actions—		<u>e</u>
Central Tracing Agency) Personnel (salaries, social charges, allowances and	*	
expenses)	601,191.60 82,946.35	NO.
Permanent delegations	509,968.12 101,432.17	
Central Tracing Agency	609,019.80	1,904,558.04
II Coverage Apprena		S 0
II. GENERAL AFFAIRS		
(Humanitarian law—publications—information) Personnel, (salaries, social charges, allowances and		
expenses)	758,558.75 36,542.86	
Publications, Broadcasting and Television, Films International Review of the Red Cross	73,081.36 69,056.22	027 020 40
		937,239.19
III. Administration		
Personnel (salaries, social charges, allowances, expenses) Equipment, new purchases and maintenance	1,338.239.77 60,397.—	
Postage, Secretariat and running expenses Buildings, insurance, heating, water, electricity, general	141,126.69	a j
upkeep	144,350.15	1,684,113.61
Total Expenditure	5	4,525,910.84
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EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR 1964

	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
RECEIPTS	*	
	9 1 4	a
I. Contributions and Gifts Towards the Financing of the General Work		* 5
Contributions by Governments	2,040,073.04 575,378.37 569,633.89	3,185,085.30
		4
II. Income from Investments		1
Income from Public Securities and Bank Interest Income from ICRC Foundation	342,847.85 30,244.30	8 -
		373,092.15
III. Participation of Relief Funds	e	470,495.47
	a a	*
Total Receipts	100	4,028,672.92
Deficit for 1964		
Written off by withdrawal from Reserve for General Risks		497,237.92
	g .	5
		4,525,910.84
		360

Table III

Contributions to the ICRC in 1964 from Governments and National Red Cross Societies allocated to the Financing of Expenditure in 1964

Countries	Governments	Red Cross Societies
	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Afghanistan	3,000.—	
Albania	-,	700.—
Australia	71,904.30	27,500.—
Austria	16,670.—	5,000.—
Belgium	10,000	12,500.—
Bulgaria	1,000.—	4,500.—
Burma	6,400.—	1,500.—
Cambodia	0,100.	2,000.—
Canada	59,698.80	29,850.—
Ceylon	3,017.50	27,030.
Chile	8,625.—	4,000.—
China	0,023.	10,000.—
Colombia	17,244.—	3,557.80
Costa Rica	17,277.	480.—
Czechoslovakia		3,000.—
~	18,693.92	2,000.—
Denmark	10,075.72	2,156.25
	889.50	1,000.—
Ecuador	3,056.80	385.50
	3,030.00	2,250.—
Ethiopia	8,000.—	3,000.—
	61,600.—	30,000.—
France	01,000.—	6,000.—
German Federal Republic	108,548.10	30,355.20
	100,540.10	2,000.—
Ghana	18,000.—	5,500.—
Greece		
Hungary	1,000.—	2,500.—
Iceland	(7.900	500.—
India	67,800.—	2,697.—
Iran	20,000.—	2 500
Iraq	8,000.—	3,500.—
Ireland	7,500.—	3,500.—
Italy	29,861.11	20.000
Japan	21,860.—	30,000.—
Jordan	3,606.—	2.000
Korea, Democratic Republic of		2,000.—
Korea, Republic of	F 7/0 03	3,498.90
Lebanon	5,769.23	2,500.—
Liechtenstein	12,500.—	2 000
Luxemburg	2,000.—	3,000.—
Madagascar	1,600.—	
Malaya	4,800.—	
Mexico	17,250.—	0.000
Monaco	3,000.—	2,000.—
Morocco	3,000.—	1

Countries	Governments	Red Cross Societies
	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Netherlands	13,000.—	25,000.—
New Zealand	36,142.50	7,500.—
Nicaragua	647.—	1,617.65
Nigeria	4,836.—	2,000.—
Norway	12,000.—	3,000.—
Peru		2,500.— 3,550.—
Philippines	11,160.—	5,000.—
Poland	15,000.—	6,000.—
Portugal	13,000.—	0,000.
Rumania	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5,000.—
San Marino	2,000.—	2,000.—
Saudi Arabia	12,941.25	
Senegal	2,112.—	
Sierra Leone	2,045.10	15.000
South Africa, Republic of	36,120.—	15,000.— 2,161.07
Sweden	42,034.47	2,101.07
	1,000,000.	
Tanganyika	6,000.—	
Thailand	15,000.—	3,000.—
Togo	1,600.—	1 m 2 m 20 000 v.
Tunisia	1,800.—	
Turkey	4,815.86	
United Arab Republic	30,000.—	20.000
United Kingdom	120,750.—	30,200.— 194,119.—
Upper Volta	1,760.—	194,119.—
Uruguay	1,700.—	500.—
USSR		16,300.—
Venezuela	19,420.—	,
Viet Nam, Democratic Republic	0 100 100 100 1000	2,000.—
Viet Nam, Republic of	3,994.60	2,000.—
Yugoslavia	6,000.—	2,000.—
2	2,040,073.04	575,378.37

In addition, the ICRC received in 1964 the following amounts concerning previous years, which were passed to the Reserve for General Risks Account:

Countries	Governments	Red Cross Societies
	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Denmark Ecuador Iceland Korea, Democratic Republic Monaco Nicaragua Spain Thailand United Arab Republic	2,076.55 1,763.— 1,725.— 15,000.— 30,000.—	2,000.— 500.— 2,000.— 2,161.07
	50,564.55	6,661.07

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR ICRC RELIEF ACTIONS IN 1964

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AS FROM DECEMBER 31, 1963	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr. 1,680,507.03
Funds not yet assigned	750,836.75 403,731.32 525,938.96	2
Total as above	1,680,507.03	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Appropriation to deficits of relief actions remaining to cover costs of delegations and missions incurred in 1963 for the special action in the Yemen		289,162.87
descriptions: (a) Donations not allocated for specific purposes:—Net product of the 1964 collection in Switzerland	754,131.51 1,137,520.78	1,891,652,29
less: Expenditure in 1964:	26	3,861,322.19
Purchases of all descriptions, expenses of delegations and missions incurred in the framework of relief actions		2,883,189.17
Balance		978,133.02
to be added: Deficits in 1964 of relief actions remaining to be covered and shown temporarily on the assets side of the balance sheet: — Action in the Yemen (field hospital)		1,189,639.13
Balance as on December 31, 1964		2,167,772.15
Apportioned as follows: Funds not yet assigned	1,080,526.15 520,009.56 567,236.44	ω, 10 () (1 Δ, 1 Δ
Total as above	2,167,772.15	

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1965 SPECIAL FUNDS

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

SUMMARY ESTIMATE OF ORDINARY

	Sw. Fr.	Sw. Fr.
Expenditure		
I. External Activities		9
(Missions in the case of conflicts—Relief actions—Central Tracing Agency)		
Personnel (salaries, social charges, allowances and expenses) Equipment and organization	653,660.— 102,150.— 531,900.— 200,000.— 592,160.—	
		2,079,870.—
II. GENERAL AFFAIRS		
(Humanitarian law—publications—information)		55
Personnel (salaries, social charges, allowances and expenses) Documentation, Committee of Experts, Conferences Publications, broadcasting and television, films	1,183,265.— 80,510.— 53,700.— 75,850.—	1,393,325.—
		1,373,323.
III. Administration		
Personnel (salaries, social charges, allowances and expenses) . Equipment, new purchases and maintenance Postage, Secretariat and current expenses Buildings, insurance, heating, water, electricity, general upkeep	980,405.— 104,500.— 181,700.— 190,000.—	1,456,605.—
		4,929,800.—
		4,929,800.—
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 ${\tt Note}:$ Estimates of recoveries of charges and of various receipts have been deducted from the above expenditure.

EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR 1965

	Sw. Fr.
RECEIPTS	
Contributions by Governments	2,175,000.— 496,500.— 330,000.— 500,000.— 366,800.—
,	3,868,300.—
The insufficiency of receipts would thus amount to	1,061,500.—
	*
	4,929,800.—

SPECIAL FUNDS

1. FOUNDATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

BALANCE SHEET AS ON DECEMBER 31, 1964

Assets	CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES
Sw. Fr. Public securities: Credit entered in the Swiss Confederation National Debt Register valued at par 827,000.— (Market value: Fr. 818,030.—)	Sw. Fr. Inalienable capital 1,028,252.52 Inalienable reserve fund: B/fwd from 1963 135,380.45 Statutory allocation of 15% from net revenue in 1964 5,337.20
Securities deposited at the Swiss National Bank, Geneva, valued at par 332,100.— (Market value: ————————————————————————————————————	Total value of funds 1,168,970.17 International Committee of the Red Cross: Funds in current account . 30,444.30
Deposit at the Swiss National Bank, Geneva 32,212.47	
Administration fédérale des contributions, Berne (tax paid in advance to be refunded) . 8,102.—	
1,199,414.47	1,199,414.47

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1964

Expenditure	Sw. Fr.	RECEIPTS	Sw. Fr.
Deposit fees for safe custody of securities, auditors' fees and various expenses	301.—	Income from securities in 1964	35,882.50
Statutory allocation to inalienable reserve fund: 15% of the net revenue in 1964 (Art. 8 of the Statutes)	5,337.20		
Allocation to the ICRC of balance of net revenue for 1964 (Art. 7 of the Statutes)	30,244.30		35,882.50

2. AUGUSTA FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS ON DECEMBER 31, 1964

	CAPITAL AND LIABILITI	ES
Sw. Fr.	,	Sw. Fr.
	Inalienable capital Reserve for fluctuation in value Funds available on December	100,000.— 18,178.45
	31, 1964	3,709.—
	Total available funds	121,887.45
9,364.—	Creditors (Allocations to be withdrawn)	8,000.—
	International Committee of the Red Cross: Funds in current	448.55
130,336.—	account	130,336.—
	972.—	Sw. Fr. Inalienable capital Reserve for fluctuation in value Funds available on December 31, 1964

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1964

Expenditure		RECEIPTS	
Eleventh distribution of revenue to six National Red Cross Societies pursuant to decision of the ICRC Special Commis-	Sw. Fr.	Balance brought forward from December 31, 1963	Sw. Fr. 13,708.55 3,492.—
sion of June 11, 1964 Fees for circulars, auditors and safekeeping of securities and miscellaneous expenses	13,000.— 491,55	Theome from securities in 1904.	3,492.—
Excess of receipts over expenditure: balance available on December 31, 1964	3,709.—		17,200.55

3. EMPRESS SHÔKEN FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS ON DECEMBER 31, 1964

Assets	C E	CAPITAL AND LIABILITY	
Swiss Public Securities valued at par (Stock Exchange value Fr. 487,970.—)	Sw. Fr. 508,000.—	Inalienable capital Reserve for fluctuation in value Provision for administrative expenses :	Sw. Fr. 389,081.64 106,747.10
Cash at the Swiss National Bank, Geneva	21,088.24	Balance brought Sw. Fr. forward from 1963 362.60	
Administration fédérale des contributions, Berne (tax at source, to be reclaimed)	4,361.20	Statutory allocation from 1964 income 787.75	
		1,150.35 Less: Actual administrative expenses in 1964 823.50	
,			326.85
		Funds available according to accounts as on December 31, 1964	23,649.85
		Total amount of fund	519,805.44
		Creditors (allocations to be withdrawn)	13,000.—
		Cross Assets on Current a/c	644.—
-	533,449.44	_	533,449.44
RECEIPTS AN	D EXPEND	TURE ACCOUNT FOR 1964	
Expenditure	Sw. Fr.	RECEIPTS	Sw. Fr.
43rd distribution of revenue to one National Red Cross Society, pursuant to the Joint Commission's decision of February 28, 1964 (circular No. 55 of April 11, 1964)	10,000.—	Balance brought forward from December 31, 1963 Income from securities in 1964 .	18,682.20 15,755.40
Allocation of 5% of 1964 income	10,000.		
for administrative expenses, in accordance with Art. 7 of the Fund regulations	787.75		
Excess of receipts over expenditure: balance available on December 31, 1964	23,649.85		
-	34,437.60		34,437.60

4. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS ON DECEMBER 31, 1964

Assets		CAPITAL AND LIABILITY	ES
	Sw. Fr.	-	Sw. Fr.
Swiss Government securities valued at par (market value Fr. 28,800.—)	32,000.—	Capital Reserve: Balance brought forward from	25,000.—
Deposit at Swiss National Bank, Geneva	3,693.50	1963	
Administration fédérale des contributions, Berne (tax paid in advance to be refunded).	259.20	ture over receipts in 1964 120.75 Total value of funds	656.09
		International Committee of the Red Cross:	
		Funds in current account	10,296.61
*	35,952.70		35,952.70

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1964

Expenditure		RECEIPTS	
Printing costs, circulars No. 456 and 457	Sw. Fr. 856.— 195.95	Income from securities in 1964 Excess of expenditure over receipts in 1964	Sw. Fr. 931.20 120.75
A	1,051.95	_	1,051.95