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L'action internationale de secours de la Croix-Rouge pour le peuple hongrois est conduite par le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge, la Ligue coordonnant à Vienne les envois des Sociétés nationales de la Croix-Rouge.

Le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge a pu rétablir ce soir sa liaison téléphonique avec son délégué à Budapest, M. Bovey.

Celui-ci lui a donné confirmation de l'arrivée de la première colonne de secours qui avait franchi la frontière austro-hongroise hier matin, et de la bonne réception des secours par la délégation du CICR à Budapest.

Des arrangements sont en cours pour l'acheminement des prochains secours.

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This evening the International Committee of the Red Cross was able to re-establish contact by telephone with its delegate in Budapest, M. R. Bovey.

The latter confirmed the arrival of the first relief column which crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier yesterday morning, and the safe receipt of the relief supplies by the ICRC Delegation in Budapest.

Arrangements are being made for the despatch of the next consignment of relief supplies.

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INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET AT VIENNA
WITH DELEGATES OF HUNGARIAN RED CROSS

Mr. Roger Gallopin, Executive Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross, left Geneva this afternoon for Vienna. He will meet tomorrow (Thursday) in the Austrian capital with Mr. René Covey, ICRC delegate in Budapest, and representatives of the Hungarian Red Cross. This meeting will consider urgent questions concerning the relief action of the International Red Cross being conducted in Hungary by ICRC delegates.

The second relief convoy of the ICRC is now en route to Budapest. From today, further Red Cross relief convoys will follow at regular intervals.

The priority medical supplies sent yesterday (Tuesday) from Vienna, by boat, arrived in Budapest today at 15.00 hours. They have been distributed by the ICRC delegation in this city.

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Press Communiqué No. 1956-62
15th of November, 1956

HUNGARIAN RED CROSS ADDRESSES SPECIAL MESSAGE TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The following message was transmitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies, today, at Geneva, by the Acting Chargé d'Affaires of the Legation of the Hungarian People's Republic, in Berne:

MESSAGE

from the Hungarian Red Cross to the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross Societies, and the National Red Cross Societies.

"The Hungarian Red Cross wishes to express herewith its sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the International Committee of the Red Cross, to the National Red Cross Societies and to all Governments and organisations which, at this time of grave trial, have come to the relief of the Hungarian people.

"At present, the Hungarian Red Cross is being directed by a committee of physicians, whose members are: Ference Földvary, Boldizsar Horvath, Dezsö Klimko, Tibor Ronai and Ferenc Pommersheim. In co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, this committee is ensuring that distributions are carried out fairly and in conformity with the spirit of the Geneva Conventions. Appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the free entry of shipments of relief from abroad at all Hungarian border points.

"The Hungarian Red Cross expresses its hope that the wide international solidarity and humanitarian aid which have so far been manifested will continue to contribute to healing the wounds, to avoiding the danger of want and to the resumption of normal life in Hungary".

Budapest, the 12th of November 1956

(Signed) Dr. György Killner
Chargé d'Affaires, Hungarian Red Cross

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RED CROSS RELIEF FOR HUNGARY ANNOUNCED BY NEARLY TWO-SCORE
COUNTRIES

Red Cross emergency relief for the Hungarian people has now been announced by National Societies of nearly two-score countries.

The 37th Society to report its contribution is that of India -- a cash gift of 5,000 rupees.

The National Societies reporting contributions to date for the relief action are the following (in alphabetical order, by continent):

AFRICA Union of South Africa

ASIA India, Japan, Turkey, Republic of Vietnam

AUSTRALASIA Australia, New Zealand

NORTH AMERICA Canada, the U.S.A.

SOUTH AMERICA Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Uruguay, Venezuela

EUROPE Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, the German Federal Republic, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia.