

**A SLOVAK TRANSLATION OF
“ A MEMORY OF SOLFERINO ”**

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies, Dr. A. Horak, Vice-President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross, presented a Slovak version of Henry Dunant's book "A Memory of Solferino". An addendum by Dr. Horak explains the link between the present mission of the Red Cross and the original aims set forth by Dunant when he wrote the book which had such a resounding success.

With this first Slovak version, there are now, so far as we know, forty-seven editions of Dunant's book, in eighteen languages.

THE EMPRESS SHOKEN FUND

The Fund which the Empress Shōken decided to set up in 1912, designed to promote Red Cross relief work at international level, has in the past often enjoyed the generosity of the Japanese Government. To mark the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Japan to the ICRC in October 1971, the Japanese Government announced that it would increase its contribution to the Fund under a further five-year programme.¹ Recently, it again showed its interest in the Fund by making an extraordinary grant of 125,000 Swiss francs for 1972.

The people of Japan, too, take interest in the Shōken Fund and the assistance which its income enables to be furnished; a private benefactor, Mr. Otaki, lately donated to it 150,000 Swiss francs. On 25 September last, at the ICRC in Geneva, the Chairman of the Joint Commission of the Shōken Fund and representatives of the League of Red Cross Societies and the ICRC presented to

¹ See *International Review*, October 1963 and November 1971.