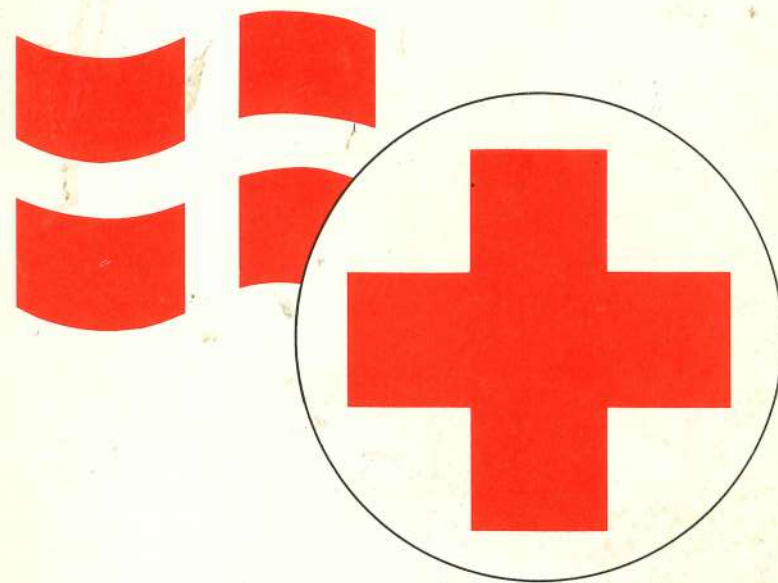


# **REPORT 1978-1980**



## **DANISH RED CROSS**

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# The organization of the Danish Red Cross

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The Danish Red Cross was founded on 27th April, 1876, and recognized by the Danish Government on 26th June, 1876.

Her Majesty Queen Ingrid is the Patron of the Danish Red Cross.

His Royal Highness the Prince Consort is Commissioner of the Danish Red Cross.

Mr. Erik Stampe, Advocate of the Supreme Court, is President of the Danish Red Cross.

The highest authority of the Danish Red Cross is the General Assembly, which convenes every two years.

The activities of the Danish Red Cross are directed by the Central Committee, the number of members of which partly depends on the number of members of the Danish Red Cross as a whole.

The Central Committee, which convenes twice a year, comprises

## the President

28 county district chairmen and members elected by the county district committees

8 individual members elected by the Central Committee with special view to their expertise

the Chairman and 2 members of the Central Teaching and National Preparedness Committee

The Chairman of the First-Aiders Committee

the Chairman of the Social Committee

the Chairman of the Youth Committee

one representative of the Faroe Branch

one representative of the Greenland Branches.

The President is elected by the Central Committee.

The President holds office for 4 years and may be reelected. The President is elected with a view to his particular social and humanitarian experiences and achievements.

The Central Committee elects 2 Vice-Presidents among the chairmen of the county districts and 1 Vice-President among the 8 individual members of which the last mentioned will act as substitute for the President.

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Imminent fundamental questions may be decided upon by the Presidency, i.e. the President and the 3 Vice-Presidents. Such decisions must be put before the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

The members of the Central Committee are elected for a four-year-period.

The Central Committee has appointed the following committees:

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
COMPRISING:**

- the President (chairman)
- the Vice-Presidents
- the Chairman of the Financial Committee
- the Chairman of the Central Teaching and National Preparedness Committee
- 8 other members of the Central Committee.

**THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE  
COMPRISING:**

- 3 members of the Central Committee.

**THE CENTRAL TEACHING AND  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS  
COMMITTEE COMPRISING:**

- 8 members whereof 4, among which the chairman, are elected by the Central Committee, while the other 4 are the chairman of the sub-committees for first-aid, social work, nursing and Red Cross Youth.

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
COMPRISING:**

- 5 members.

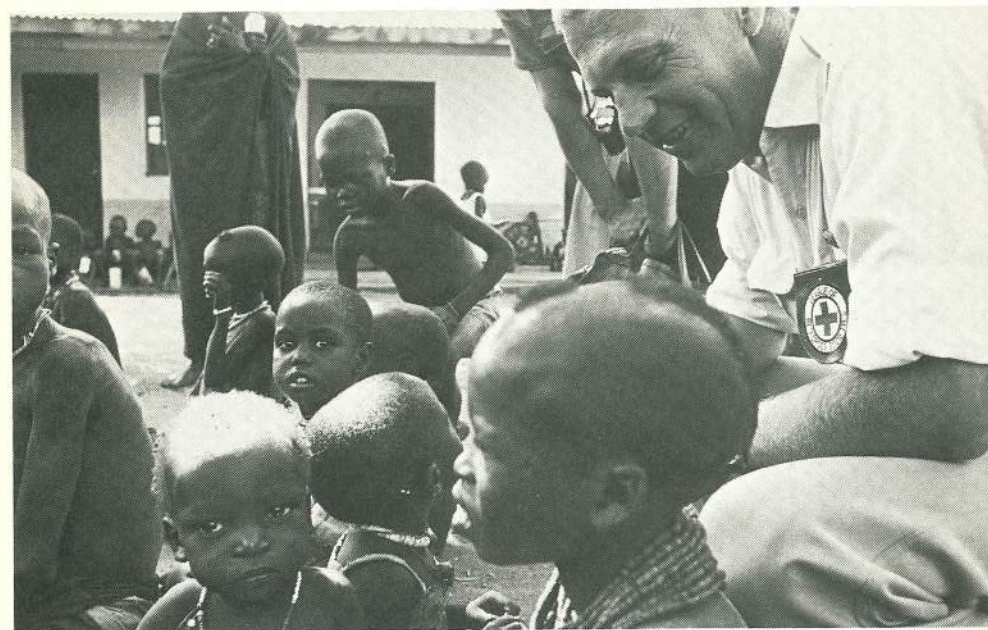
**THE INFORMATION COMMITTEE  
COMPRISING:**

- 8 members.

**4 THE COMMITTEE FOR RULES OF  
PROCEDURE AND  
CONSTITUTIONS COMPRISING:**

- 4 members.

# International Activities



**Training of Delegates**

The Danish Red Cross has this year re-structuralized the training programmes for future delegates. The Danish Red Cross receives constantly applications from persons who are interested in being delegates, but only those who seem to possess the necessary qualifications for potential delegates are asked to complete an application form and will consequently be included in the delegate-roster. From this roster suitable candidates will be selected to participate in a basic weekend-course, where the following items will be discussed:

The organization and activity of the League, of the ICRC, and of the national society. Furthermore, short briefings about the recruiting, sending out, and situation of a delegate, development problems, personal health preservation, nutrition - sanitation problems, UN and other voluntary organizations, practical knowledge and basic guide-lines in connection with relief actions, and problems in connection with

*Due to the drought and famine situation in Ethiopia the Danish Red Cross was asked by the League to send out several relief delegates. The photo shows Major Hans Moller from the Danish Defence.*

supplies and transport. Concurrently with the course, interviews will be made with each participant in order to determine whether he/she is suited for being a delegate.

After having gone through this week-end course, some of the candidates will be selected for participation in a course of five days duration, in which abovementioned subjects will be studied more thoroughly. Candidates who have completed this course will be considered as delegates qualified to be recruited for a leading post in a relief action or will be attached to a development project.

At present the delegate-roster of Danish Red Cross contains approximately 150 medical doctors, 250 nurses, and 150 others.

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# Funds Used in International Relief Operations

	1978	1979	1980
in Danish kroner	12,991,934.-	19,280,274.-	30,366,083.-
Which is the equivalent of			
Swiss Frchs.	3,533,777.-	5,244,192.-	8,259,084.-
US \$	1,719,647.-	2,551,988.-	4,019,335.-

## Delegates sent out in the Period 1978-1980

speciality	1978	1979	1980
medical doctors	5	9	16
nurses	2	18	26
transport leaders	2	1	6
physiotherapists	1	0	0
others	4	11	25
total	14	39	73

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In 1976 quite a substantial assistance was given to the ICRC Field Hospital in Lebanon, 18 delegates were during the year provided by the Danish Red Cross. The assistance was phased out in 1977, where only one nurse was sent to the hospital.

In 1978 Danish Red Cross had a medical team of three in Rhodesia and one physiotherapist in Somalia.

In 1979 the medical team in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe increased its number to 5, and in the end of the year the Nordic Red Cross Society assistance to ICRC's relief work in the refugee camps in Thailand started. This involved one of the biggest operations ever as regards delegates sent out from the Danish Red Cross. During 1979 three medical doctors, 17 nurses, one midwife and three technical delegates were working in Thailand, and in 1980 a further number of five medical doctors, four nurses, 3 midwives, two pharmacist-assistants, and five technical delegates were sent to the area.

In 1981 the Danish Red Cross has so far provided two medical doctors, four nurses and one technician to ICRC's relief programme in Thailand.

### Development Assistance

The Danish Red Cross finds that it is very much desired to change the present general opinion of the Red Cross as a disaster relief organization, and consequently that more attention should be paid to the development aspect of its work. In a developing country the national Red Cross Society could be very suitable for playing a great role in the development procedure especially as concerns the building up of a basic health service system. Upon this idea the League's Southern African Programme is building its work in 9 South African countries.

Denmark has supported this programme actively from the start, and has now, in accordance with the League's Development Programme, started a cooperation with the Malawi Red Cross with the purpose of assisting the society in its own development and its future development projects.

Since June 1979 the Danish Red Cross has continuously had one delegate attached to the Malawi Red Cross on a one year contract, the third delegate has consequently started his assignment in June 1981. The main project of the Malawi Red Cross

*The Danish Red Cross is at present involved in two development projects in Uganda. A Danish Red Cross-doctor examines a patient.*



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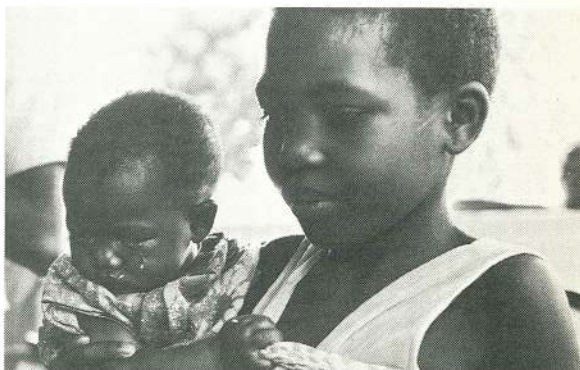
is a strengthening of the Under-Five Clinics in the country. This is achieved mainly by training of volunteers, who will be attached to the clinics.

In Uganda the Danish Red Cross has signed an agreement with the Uganda Red Cross and the Ugandan Government concerning two development programmes as an initial phase scheduled to last for two years. One project is aiming at reestablishing the health service in the Sebei district, and at restoring the district hospital, Kapchorwa hospital.

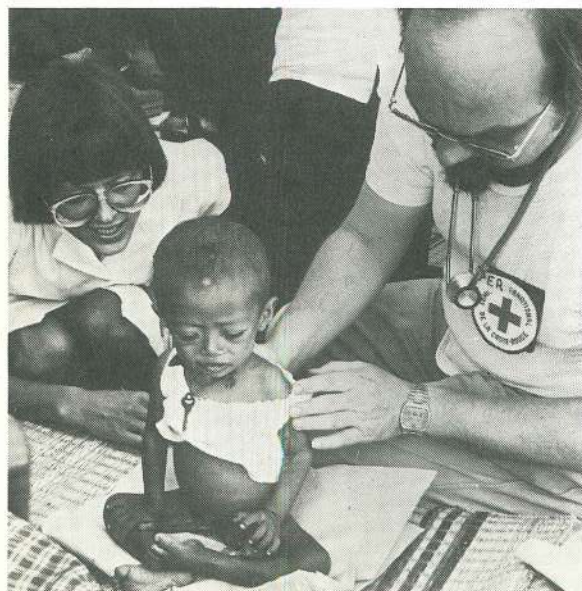
For this purpose, two medical doctors and two nurses have been sent to Uganda

and placed in Kapchorwa for one year. The other project is a rehabilitation project of the medical supply system in Uganda, and in order to assist this project in its first phase two pharmacists are now working in the Central Medical Store in Entebbe, also on a one year contract.

As a last point, the East Africa Task Force's Development Programme shall again be mentioned, as the Danish Red Cross has earmarked substantial funds for this purpose, and its first involvement will probably be a support to a Primary Health Care Programme in Uganda, coordinated by the League and Uganda Red Cross.



*In Malawi the Danish Red Cross is involved in a development project consisting partly in the establishment of a great number of Under-Five Clinics.*



*The Danish Red Cross sent a large number of doctors and nurses to care for the thousands of Kampuchean refugees living in camps in Thailand.*

# The National Activities

## Districts and branches

The basis of the national organization of the Danish Red Cross is the local branches, which are placed all over the country. 15 count districts cover 235 local branches. Each district has its own county committee, which is established in order to coordinate and support the work carried out in the branches. The local branches are responsible for the activities carried out in their district.

Since 1970 the basic structure of the organization has been adapted to the public administrative structure of the country according to which it is the aim of the Danish Red Cross to establish local branches in all municipalities - totally 275.

New branches are established every year. In 1980 8 new branches were established in different districts all over the country. This work was coordinated by the county committees and the permanently employed district advisers.



*The National Headquarters of the Danish Red Cross.*

## The National Headquarters

The national and international work of the Danish Red Cross is directed from the Headquarters in Copenhagen.

The Secretary General is in charge of the Headquarters, which has a staff of 50 persons - inclusive of 7 district advisers, who among other things take care of the daily contact with the county committees and the branches.

The Headquarters is divided into the following departments:

the General Secretariat  
the Administration Department  
the International Assistance Department  
the National Department  
the Information Department

## Membership

The Danish Red Cross is based on the idea of membership. The members form the basis of the organization, and run the organization according to the democratic construction.

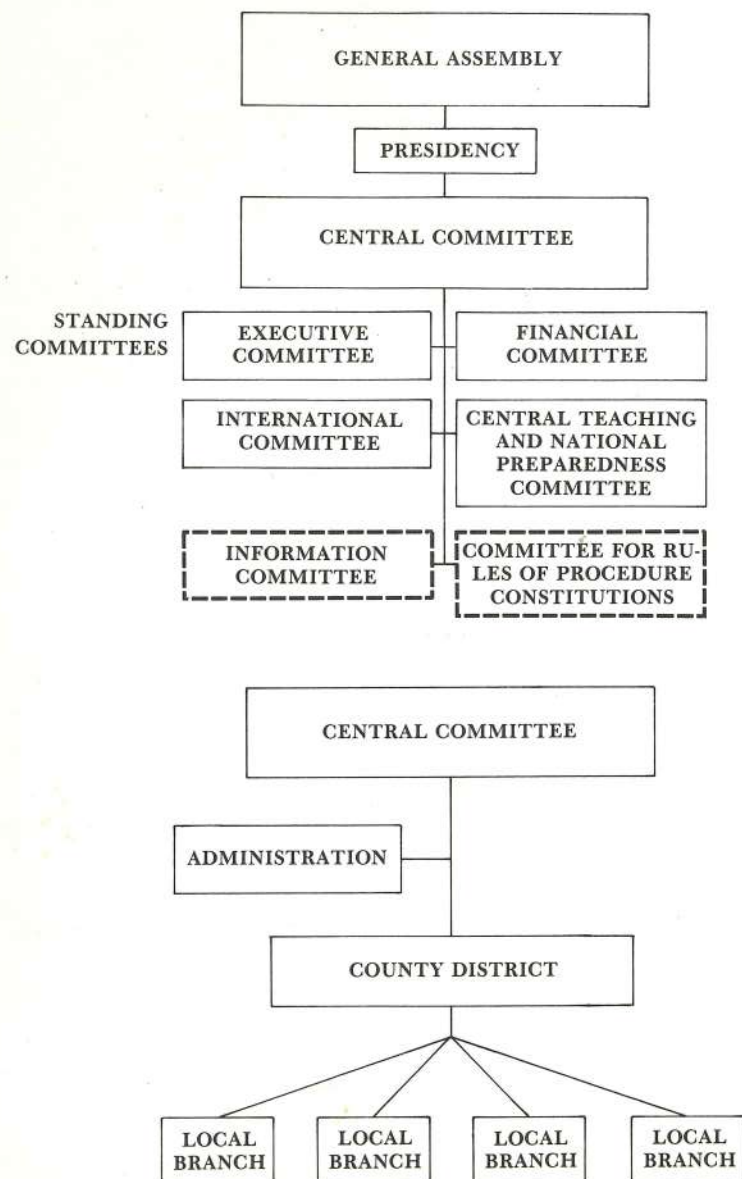
After some years of considerable decline of the number of members, a nation-wide campaign of recruitment of new members was arranged in 1979 and 1980. These campaigns resulted in a heavy recruitment of new members.

The increase in the number of members appears below:

### Total number of members

1978	1979	1980
88.312	110.919	130.000

# Governing Bodies of the Danish Red Cross



The members are gathered in local branches, which are responsible for the group of members within their area. The branches are in charge of the recruitment of members, and the collection of membership fee. The membership fee is minimum 20.- Danish kroner annually, but most members pay greater amounts.

## Tracing activities

The Danish Red Cross still receives many inquiries regarding assistance in tracing of persons with whom the family has lost contact. Furthermore, exchange of letters between prisoners of war and their relatives is arranged. The wars in Vietnam, the Middle East, Angola, Cyprus, and Lebanon, and the »boat-people« from Vietnam have in periods involved increased activity in this field. The Headquarters receives annually 100-200 inquiries about missing persons.

## Education and Preparedness

Simultaneously with a reorganization of the basic structure of the organization in 1970, all local activities were brought directly under the leadership of the branch committee including members representing the different fields of activities, i.e. first aid, nursing and hygiene, visiting service, Junior Red Cross and fundraising. The efforts of the Danish Red Cross in the field of education aim at strengthening the preparedness of the society with a view to first aid and health, towards war and natural disasters as well as every day accidents and illnesses.

## The external course activities in first aid

The educational first-aid material of the Danish Red Cross is used for almost all first-aid instruction in Denmark. During the period of the report, the Danish Red Cross has carried through the following courses:

- Population courses in basic first aid.
- Population courses in advanced first aid.



*The Secretary General of the Danish Red Cross, Eigil Pedersen, was appointed on July 15th, 1981.*

- Courses in external heart compression.
- Courses of first-aid instructors for
  - teachers at technical schools,
  - teachers at specialized worker's schools,
  - primary school teachers.

a. and b. are carried out by about 600 instructors.

c. These courses are carried out by the 100 instructors in external heart compression. The courses are held only after approval from the Public Health Board for specially selected groups, i.e. electric personnel, professional life guards, professional salvage corps, the police's traffic patrols and medical personnel.

d. The first-aid instructor courses for the different categories of teachers have been carried through by the Danish Red Cross' pedagogical advisers together with a few especially selected instructors.

1.200 teachers have participated in these courses.

The first-aid instructors are recruited through the local branches of the Danish Red Cross.

Totally, the Danish Red Cross has, apart from the education of instructors, had the responsibility of giving first-aid instruction of different kinds to about 140.000 persons during the period of the report. The instruction at the above-mentioned courses has been given on the basis of the Danish Red Cross' First-Aid Manual. A manual of disaster first-aid is being prepared in cooperation with the Civil Defence, the Army Medical Corps and the private and public ambulance service.

#### The voluntary first-aid service

In the period of the report there have been increased activities in the field of the voluntary first-aid service. Thus a voluntary first-aid section has been established in almost half of the local branches, and the total number of active volunteers is now about 2,500.

The voluntary first-aid service has the following tasks in the local area:

- to stimulate the interest of persons who are interested in first aid who want to keep up and improve a previously passed first-aid education,
- to train most possible first-aid volunteers in acting as leaders at great accidents,
- to train most possible volunteers in acting as road-first-aiders and first-aiders in the industry,
- to train volunteers in undertaking first-aid service at beaches and in great sports fields etc.,
- to train groups of first-aid volunteers who on the local level can be at the disposal of the society in case of disaster in peace as well as in war,
- to stimulate the interest of the population in and the understanding of the importance of first aid by carrying through exhibitions, exercises, demonstrations etc.



It ought to be mentioned that there exists a growing interest in the extension of the first-aid activities in the industry, because of the new safety and health legislation which took effect in 1977.

The Danish Red Cross has, therefore, in cooperation with the authorities worked out new educational programmes etc. for industrial first-aiders.

#### Nursing and hygiene

Since 1969 the Danish Red Cross has according to arrangements with the Public Health Board carried through population courses in nursing, hygiene and nutrition.

In 1980 156 courses with totally 2.296 participants have been carried through.

The instructors are nurses, who have gone through a special course for instructors arranged by the Danish Red Cross.

#### Social work

The task, which the Danish Red Cross is going to undertake in our developed welfare state, where almost every economic and social demand is met, will be within the human fields, e.g. where social reasons and illnesses are causing loneliness.

Actually the Danish Red Cross is in this field busy building up activities to make lo-

*During the period under review more than 140.000 persons were given first-aid instructions.*

*Each summer the Junior Red Cross organizes camps for handicapped children.*



nely peoples' lives easier. This is made by the visiting service, which comprises 4.500 volunteers, the telephone chains and as a supplement to the last-mentioned services: the correspondence service.

These activities for elderly, handicapped and lonely people are constantly increasing.

The telephone chains are established in a few branches. Telephone chains are a firm, daily call in a circle of lonely, elderly people. The chain is usually started by a call from an active Red Cross member to the first person in the chain.

The correspondence service consists in writing encouraging and sincere letters to lonely, elderly people. This new initiative can never replace the above-mentioned ones - only supplement.

Having examined the needs in Denmark, the Social Committee of the Danish Red Cross has decided to begin activities in the following fields:

foreigners in Denmark,  
visitors service in prisons,  
telephone contact with handicapped persons,  
hospital service.

The Danish Red Cross notes that good collaboration with the municipal authorities and the social workers of the Red Cross has been established all over the country, and that a positive extension of the activity in the social fields has taken place.

#### The Junior Red Cross

The work among the youth is represented in the Central Committee of the Danish Red Cross by the Chairman of the Junior Department.

The membership of the youth groups, which are working in connection with the local branches, is limited (40 youth sections with 1.000 members), but a considerable part of the Danish Red Cross' contact with the youth takes place through the schools, the youth organizations, the sports clubs, etc.

The youth groups of the Danish Red Cross have in the period of the report carried through first-aid instruction, fundraising, baby sitting, handicraft, excursions, visiting service, camps for handicapped persons and international contacts.

The visiting service where young persons visit aged persons does only exist in a few branches, but it is very much appreciated here.

Monday camps for handicapped and young persons, who cooperate with the local social authorities. Of late have been carried through about 300 children and 50 y

The Red Cross Youth marches every year in order the Red Cross Day on the 8 income is used in the welfare children.

International contacts have been partly by participation Youth Camps in other countries the Red Cross Youth Conference by the League of Red Cross

Furthermore, the Red Cross contributed directly to development reconstruction projects, as supported young persons in the work in Malawi, and given the reconstruction of an earthquake area in Italy by delivering

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*Each summer the Junior Red Cross camps for handicapped children.*

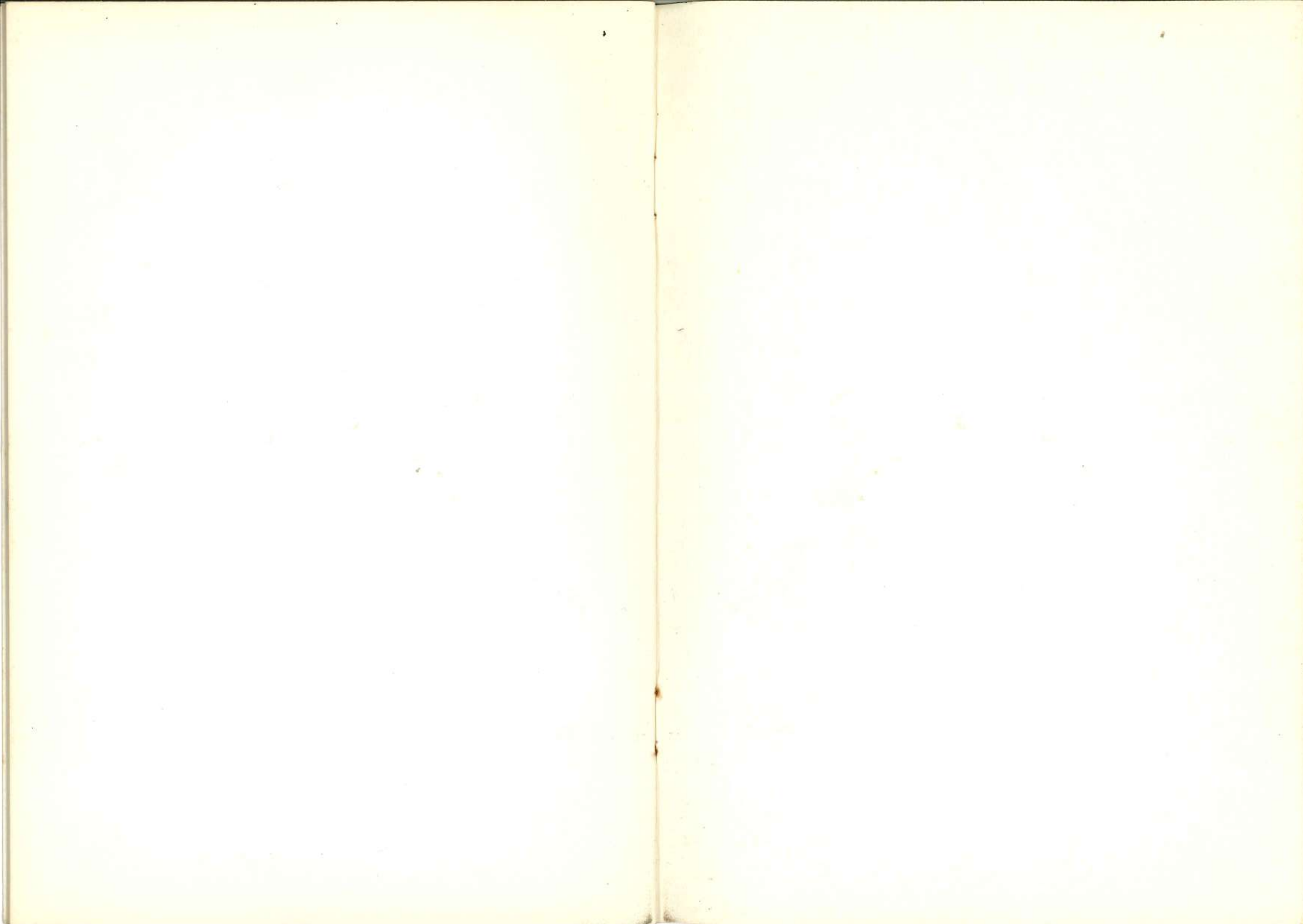
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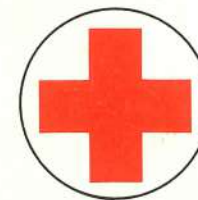
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