

emphasized that it was the duty of the participants attending the seminar to pass on the knowledge they had acquired to those who were serving under their orders and to help in promoting, first of all, the diffusion of the Geneva Conventions. He concluded by saying: "I would like to remind you that Red Cross is non-political, non-sectarian and is purely based on the fundamental principles of humanitarianism. It is for this reason that the Red Cross is officially recognized by Governments and its activities accepted . . . I appeal, once again, to the people of Uganda and the world at large to support this world-wide movement for the good of humanity."¹

PHILIPPINES

As mentioned in our May 1975 issue, one of the recipients of the twenty-fifth award of Florence Nightingale Medals was a Filipino nurse, *Miss Irene F. Francia*. She was presented with the medal during the eleventh national assembly of the Philippine Red Cross Society in Manila on 11 December.

After Mr. Robert Oefeli, the ICRC honorary delegate in the Philippines had addressed the assembly describing Miss Francia's exceptional service and the significance of the award, the medal was pinned to her blouse by Mr. Mamintal A. Tamono, chairman of the International Affairs Committee, who expressed the congratulations and best wishes of the National Society he represented.¹

¹ *Plates.*