

UPPER VOLTA

At Ouagadougou on 25 March the Red Cross of Upper Volta organized a seminar on national and international Red Cross action, and on international humanitarian law principles. The meeting was sponsored by the Minister of Health and was attended by senior civil servants from a number of ministries.

The Minister of the Interior and Security was present at the opening ceremony. Several speakers delivered papers which prompted many questions. The ICRC was represented by Mr. M. Schroeder, regional delegate, whose description of ICRC activities in the world was followed by film projections.

The following day was devoted to the work of the National Youth Council and to first aid by the Upper Volta Red Cross. This was the first time that all the officials in charge of these activities had been together at a meeting.

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Last month we printed an article on the seminar held recently in Kampala at the suggestion of the ICRC. At the closing ceremony, the Acting Chairman of the Red Cross of Uganda, Mr. S. K. Katama, made a speech, of which we give below some excerpts describing the valuable work done by this National Society and the way in which it is organized.

The Red Cross activities cover the following:

Blood transfusion service — This is one of the biggest programmes, run jointly with the Ministry of Health, which is responsible for the technical side and provides an annual grant.