

## OPEN HOUSE AT THE LEAGUE

Under this heading, the League of Red Cross Societies, to celebrate its jubilee—which we mentioned in our last month's issue—organized an exhibition which was held at its headquarters in Geneva on 3 and 4 May 1969. The thousands of visitors were initiated into the history and activities of the Red Cross by word and picture, first aid demonstrations by the French Red Cross, and film shows.

The numerous exhibits along the pathways of the large grounds depicted international Red Cross disaster relief, from the launching of an appeal by telex in Geneva to the rapid and effective assistance provided to the victims by the National Societies.

Items of particular interest were the Italian Red Cross ambulance, the mobile operating theatre of the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany, an Austrian Red Cross vehicle especially equipped for blood transfusion, a Swiss Red Cross mobile kitchen and a coach for the handicapped, as well as prefabricated houses and tents. The Geneva branch of the Swiss Red Cross demonstrated the variety of its work by eloquent posters and panels.

Through demonstrations ranging from the transport of casualties by helicopter to home nursing, the public no doubt acquired a convincing picture of the practical scope of Red Cross work in so many fields where the League plays the essential role of initiator and co-ordinator.