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Red Cross Founder

For the seventh consecutive year, May 8, the birthdate of Henri Dunant, Swiss founder of the Red Cross movement, will be observed throughout the world as International Red Cross Day.

Dunant was born in 1828 of a well-to-do Geneva family. He was impelled to his work in organizing the Red Cross by his accidental presence at the Battle of Solferino in Italy on June 24, 1859, and his shocking experience at finding the dying unattended on the battlefield. He enlisted the assistance of local residents to provide some relief to the victims.

Later, his vivid description of his experiences, incorporated in a pamphlet, "A Memory of Solferino," aroused public attention.

He pointed up the need for development in each country of voluntary organizations which would have trained personnel who could meet the needs of the victims of war and also the need to devise treaties which would afford protection to such victims. His efforts led to a meeting in Geneva in August 1864, at which the first Geneva Convention to protect sick and wounded was signed and the Red Cross movement launched.

The results of this Convention were seen around the world in wars which struck Europe and led subsequently to the development of other Geneva Conventions to afford protection to prisoners and civilians.

Henri Dunant, who was a co-recipient of the first Nobel peace prize, is today recognized as one of the great humanitarians of history.

Jr. Red Cross Members

The international programs of the American Junior Red Cross in cooperation with the Office of International Relations in 1953 brought assistance to children in many parts of the world. The American Junior Red Cross helped meet the needs of children in disaster stricken countries through provision of underwear, vitamins, blankets, milk, and educational supplies.

In addition, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, they sent 524,700 educational gift boxes and 290 school chests to 29 countries. They have carried on an exchange of school correspondence albums, art and music with foreign societies for many years.

Staff Men Participate In Training Courses

Three classes for staff personnel have met in the Nantucket conference room for two hours each week, with "Public Speaking", "Report Writing" and "Work Simplification in Office Procedures" being taught Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays respectively. The 10-hour courses, arranged by the Training Dept., were concluded during the week beginning April 26. Similar courses for staff personnel are scheduled to be repeated annually.



"WORK SIMPLIFICATION IN OFFICE PROCEDURES"—Dwight Livingston, instructor; N. R. Martin, J. T. MacIsaac, B. F. Dunton, E. S. Barksdale, R. L. Wilkes, J. E. Gardner, W. H. Richardson, Jr., Franklin Akers, John Eggleston, Harry Poston, Edwood Edwards, Fred Waynick, Carl Hall.



"REPORT WRITING"—Norman Young, instructor, R. A. Harden, Carl Wortham, Clyde Miller, James Marlowe, C. E. Martin, N. D. Redmon, Alton Robertson, Barton, T. E. Eggleston, Lee Furr, S. B. Rhodes, Jr., R. O. Endicott, S. E. Adcock, Jerry Bedell and Walter Schacht.



"PUBLIC SPEAKING"—M. P. Miller, instructor, R. C. Tanner, Joe Wood, J. E. Bondurant, C. W. Gallagher, Jr., J. F. Laseter, R. L. Seay, Allan Bobbitt, J. B. Lamar, Burton Franklin, R. L. Bullard, Jr., Norwood Cheek, Otis Marlowe, S. L. Golden, Jimmy Perry, and Russell Cherry.