

NORGES RØDE KORS



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BANKPLASSEN 1
TELEFON CENTRALBORD 42 69 70
TELEGRAMADR.: "RØDEKORS"

Herr Arvid Holt-Seeland,

Tollbugaten 11,
O s l o

Vedr. sanitetspersonell i tjeneste under krig.

Vi erkjenner mottagelsen av Deres spørreskjema vedrørende norske sykepleiersker som har tjenestegjort i det Tyske Røde Kors i den siste krig, og som er anklaget for landssvik og straffet, efter hjemkomsten til Norge.

I anledning av den aksjon De har startet med disse skjemaer, har vi idag skrevet til den Internasjonale Røde Kors' komite som vedlagte gjenpart viser.

Som De ser av brevet, er det almindelig Røde Kors-praksis at all korrespondanse og alle henvendelser om Røde Kors-spørsmål fra en privatperson i utlandet til den Internasjonale Røde Kors-komite, går gjennom Røde Kors-foreningen i det land spørgeren bor. Vi anser derfor Deres reise til Genf for helt unødvendig, og vil anbefale at De i alle tilfeller først avventer svar fra den Internasjonale Røde Kors-Komite på Deres henvendelse av 6. januar d.å.

Arbødigst
For NORGES RØDE KORS

Jens Meitnich
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Wicegeneralsekretær

February 23rd 1948

To the International Red Cross Committee,
Juridical Section,

7, Avenue de la Paix,
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Re Service of medical personnel with an enemy power.

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to our letters of January 8th and 13th, relating to Mr. Arvid Holt-Seeland's intervention in favour of Norwegian nurses who have served in the German army during the recent war.

For your information we wish to add, that Mr. Holt-Seeland, who is not known to the Norwegian Red Cross, apart from his 2 visits to our offices, has now started a campaign (a kind of Gallup) in Oslo, in order to collect information from the public on the question of legal proceedings against medical personnel which has served with an enemy power during the war. Special questionnaires are being circulated to Norwegian individuals, soliciting their persons opinion on the sentences passed by the Norwegian Supreme Court of Justice in such cases. The circular letters furthermore state that the information is desired for the purpose of a future conference in Geneva between Mr. Holt-Seeland and the International Red Cross Committee.

The Norwegian Red Cross will most strongly emphasize that according to Red Cross principles, all correspondance and interventions from private persons on Red Cross questions, should be directed through the national Red Cross Society in the respective country.

We therefore consider a personal application by Mr. Holt-Seeland to the International Red Cross Committee an irregular procedure, and take it for granted that the Committee will handle this matter through the Norwegian Red Cross.

We await with great interest your comments on this question. An early reply would be much appreciated.

Very truly yours

Erling Steen
President