

# THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

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RED CROSS ALLOCATIONS  
TOTAL \$2,567,250 FOR  
HUNGARIAN AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 19 -- The American Red Cross today appropriated another \$1,200,000 required to continue its extensive program of aid to the victims of the Hungarian revolt, Ellsworth Bunker, Red Cross president, announced.

This new allocation brings to \$2,567,250 the amount committed for this purpose by the organization.

The announcement came as contributions to the special \$5,000,000 Red Cross fund appeal inched over the halfway mark. Reports from across the country reaching national headquarters Tuesday show that the American public has contributed \$2,564,757 to the campaign.

Mr. Bunker explained that because of the emergency nature of this campaign it is not possible for the Red Cross immediately to contact every individual who wishes to contribute to the fund appeal. He, therefore, urged that all individuals who wish to support the campaign mail their contributions to their local Red Cross chapters.

"It is encouraging to note that contributions have mounted to within nearly \$3,000 of commitments thus far for this vast program," he said.

Mr. Bunker expressed the gratitude of the Red Cross for the thoughtfulness of the members of hundreds of organizations who have adopted a "Let's Share Our Christmas with the Hungarians" theme at the holiday party season and have contributed to the fund appeal.

He said that the Red Cross is proceeding with its program on the basis that its responsibilities in the gigantic undertaking will be matched by the desire of the American people to aid in helping the Hungarians.



The new \$1,200,000 allocation, Mr. Bunker explained, was made so that money will be readily available to meet the stepped-up pace of urgent requests from the International Red Cross in Austria and Hungary for funds, food, clothing, medicines and hospital supplies.

As an example, he cited the 7,000,000 units of insulin shipped to Austria yesterday aboard Vice President Nixon's plane. The International Committee of the Red Cross had cabled that there is an acute need for the drug vital to treatment of diabetics among the refugees and in Hungary itself.

Actual expenditures and commitments in the over-all relief program as of December 14 were as follows:

Deposited to the account of the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva for purchases in Europe, \$635,000;

Purchase orders issued for overseas shipment of requested supplies, and transportation costs for the 20 Red Cross disaster and welfare experts and volunteer specialists sent to Austria to operate refugee camps, \$174,028;

Purchase orders for comfort articles to be used at Camp Kilmer, aboard the three Navy transports bringing refugees to the U.S., and at Atlantic bases where the refugee planes make stops, \$73,258.

In addition, the American Red Cross program to supply 100,000 family-unit food parcels to the International Committee of the Red Cross for mass distribution inside Hungary is rolling ahead. Estimates by Red Cross officials, based upon the vast experience gained through the prisoner-of-war parcel program, place the cost of this new endeavor at approximately \$500,000.

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