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MECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 128, s. 1984

JUNIOR RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. The 1984-1985 Junior Red Cross membership drive in elementary and secondary schools all over the country will be conducted on July 1-31, 1984. The membership fee per class/section is P10 and is allocated as follows:

P5.00 - for the publication of the Junior Red Cross Magazine and other printed materials which are distributed to all Red Cross Youth enrolled schools.

3.00 - for chapter, school and community projects/activities

2.00 - for national and international projects

The projects/activities are for the in-school, out-of-school, exceptional and disadvantaged children and youth as outlined in the enclosed Suggested Activities for Junior Red Cross Council.

2. In this connection, the Red Cross Youth will hold a "Save-a-Seed" project and contest among Junior Red Cross-enrolled public elementary schools from August, 1984 to February, 1985. This project has been initiated for the following reasons:

- a. As a response to the results of a nutritional survey that shows children shy away from eating vegetables with nutritive values.
- b. Actually involve Junior Red Cross members in a worthwhile and meaningful project that will help develop their health and nutritional habits.
- c. Have a regular Red Cross program in the JRC-enrolled schools that will make the JRC members aware of the presence of the Red Cross in their schools.







3. It is desired that the contents of this Memorandum be disseminated to all concerned. It is understood that the policy of this Office on fund campaigns, no matter how meritorious, is still voluntary. Attention in this connection, is invited to MECS Memorandum No. 82, s. 1984. A report on the various Red Cross activities should be included in the Directors annual report.

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Minister

Incls.:

As stated

References:

MECS Memorandums: Nos. 229, s. 1983 and 81, s. 1984

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- ✓ CAMPAIGN
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- ✓ SOCIETY or ASSOCIATIONS









## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

### I. Protection of Life and Improvement of Health

- A. Organization and participation in Red Cross health and safety courses, such as:
  - 1. Junior First Aid, Accident Prevention, Swimming, Life-Saving
  - 2. Health Care in the Home and Mother's Aide Courses.
- B. Organization and participation in First Aid Teams to be manned by those who had trained in First Aid
- C. Organization and participation in school and community campaigns on (1) environmental sanitation; (2) good nutrition; (3) drug abuse prevention and control; (4) anti-communicable diseases, anti-rodents, etc.

### II. Service and Solidarity

- A. Put up a "Clothing Bank", where JRC members donate used clothing, footwear, etc., to be turned over to the Red Cross Chapter for distribution to victims of disasters, fire, etc.
- B. Put up a "Seed Bank", where JRC members will deposit vegetable and fruit seeds collected/solicited by them. These seeds will be made available to the community during planting season thru the Red Cross Chapter.
- C. Help in the information campaign on "blood-giving".
- D. Collect used reading materials for distribution to hospital patients and community reading centers.
- E. Participate in hospital visits and recreational programs for institutionalized children and aged.
- F. Organize a Teacher's Appreciation Day program.

### III. International Friendship and Understanding and Education for Peace

- A. Participate in the school's United Nations Week program.
- B. Send friendship albums, greeting cards, used stamps, get-well cards, handicrafts, paintings, and other materials/souvenirs to JRC members abroad.
- C. Entertain visiting JRC members from other Red Cross Chapters/Societies.
- D. Participate in a JRC leadership training course.

#### Note:

For the details on the above activities, inquire from your local Red Cross Chapters.



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**Information and Guidelines on the "Save a Seed" Project and Contest**  
(A joint project of PNRC and MDCS)

1. The "Save a Seed" Contest involves the following:
  - 1.1 Collection of vegetable and fruit seeds - Each school child will be asked to bring to the class vegetable or fruit seeds which they have saved at home.
  - 1.2 Assigning of areas or communal garden plots to more than two (2) schoolchildren each plot by school authorities.
  - 1.3 Storing (seed bank), planting and caring of the seeds.
  - 1.4 Contest (municipal, district and provincial levels)
  - 1.5 Distribution of harvests.
2. **Participants:** Schoolchildren in Grades IV, V and VI in public elementary schools.
3. **Objectives:** At the end of each schoolyear, at least 80% of the schoolchildren who are participants in the projects are expected to:
  - 3.1 Apply scientific knowledge and skills in identifying nutritional vegetables and fruits.
  - 3.2 Form proper eating habits.
  - 3.3 Show wholesome attitudes and appreciate the values of work and productivity.
  - 3.4 Give information about the Red Cross.
4. **Duration of the project:** One (1) schoolyear starting July 1984 to February 1985.
5. **Procedure and Selection:**

The Red Cross chapter, upon receipt of these guidelines, shall create the Committee on Selection and Awards of the "Save a Seed" project and contest to be composed of 1) chairman of the Red Cross Youth Committee of the Red Cross Chapter Board, 2) representatives from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Provincial Nutritional Council and one or two representatives from other agencies.

The Committee on Selection and Awards shall identify and screen the participating schools following these guidelines:

- 5.1 This contest is open to all public elementary schools which are enrolled in the Junior Red Cross for the current schoolyear. The annual enrollment in JRC starts in July. The participating school must have a record of at least 500 schoolchildren as Junior Red Cross members or must have submitted to PNRC an amount of One Hundred Thirty Pesos (P130.00) as JRC Membership fees.
  - 5.2 Application Forms for this contest shall be distributed by the Red Cross Chapter through the Office of School Superintendents. They shall be accomplished by the participating schools and submitted to the Red Cross chapter two (2) months before the closing of the schools in March or April.
  - 5.3 Selection of the winners on municipal, district and provincial levels shall be held immediately upon receipt of all entries.
  - 5.4 The Red Cross chapters shall submit to NHQ their reports on the winning entries.
  - 5.5 Awarding of prizes shall be done before the closing of the schools in March or April.
6. **Prizes:**
    - ₱300.00 - to the first prize winning entry on provincial level. Source of fund - PNRC National Headquarters.
    - 200.00 - second prize) on provincial level. Source of fund - from Chapter
    - 100.00 - third prize) Service Funds.
  7. **Other expenses** relative to the project shall be borne by the local Red Cross



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C. Population and family planning concept issues and events, new technology and developments.

The Division PEP Coordinator/RPO shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the zone level, the Division PEP Coordinator/CFO or PPO, for the city and provincial levels.

The Regional PEP Coordinator and SIO shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the regional level. YEC Central shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the national championship. In formulating the questions-and-answers for the PCPQIE, the technical assistance of partner/participating population agency(ies) may be engaged.

VI. Contests Rules.

1. English shall be the official language for the set of questions-and-answers in the quiz.
2. Coaching in any form is strictly prohibited during the actual quiz proceeding.
3. Coaches and chaperons must keep away from their contestants during the actual quiz proceedings.
4. Contestants shall be provided with pen, and forms or sheets on which to write down their answers.
5. Each question will be read twice by the quizmaster. Countdown of time during which questions shall be answered, will start after a question has been read twice.
6. Contestants will be given a maximum of ten (10) seconds to answer a question. However, questions which require only "true" or "false" and "yes" or "no", as well as multiple choice questions, shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) seconds only.

Each correct complete answer in the quiz proper shall be given one (1) point.

Mis-spelled answers shall be considered wrong.

No acronyms or abbreviations except those specifically asked for will be allowed. Only full names or titles will be allowed unless otherwise indicated in the question. Middle initial may or may not be included in full names of persons.







VII. Contest Mechanics

1. A Board of Consultants shall be organized well ahead of the actual quiz proceedings. It shall be composed of a maximum of five (5) consultants including the chairman. The consultants shall be from public or private agencies involved in the population program. They shall render decisions related to the quiz proceedings.
2. The quizmaster shall ask fifteen (15) questions for all levels of the contest.
3. Questions shall be specifically framed and, as much as possible be categorical so as to require one (1) specific and categorical answer.
4. Should a contestant wish to change his answer to any particular question, this answer should be crossed out and the new answer written clearly. A contestant is allowed to change his answer only within the allotted time to answer the particular question.
5. Cumulative scoring shall be followed. The contestant who gets the highest total score points will be declared first prize winner; the one who gets the second highest total score points will be declared second prize winner; and so on for the third prize winner. At national level, the first prize winner shall be proclaimed as the national champion.
6. Tie for the first prize at the provincial and city level must be broken in order that there will be only one (1) contestant to represent the province or city in the regional POPQUIZ.  
  
Similarly, there must be only one (1) contestant to represent the region in the national level and only one (1) national champion.
7. If the contestant tie for the highest score, the first and the second prize winners shall be declared from the two of them. If three or more contestants tie for the highest score, the first, the second and the third prize winners shall be declared from among them. This procedure applies accordingly to ties in the second or third highest scores.
8. In case of a tie, an enumeration type question shall be asked, with one (1) point given for each correct item in the answer. The contestant who gets the highest score points shall be declared the winner.









If the tie remains unbroken, another enumeration type question shall be asked.

If the tie still remains unbroken, a computation type question shall be asked and the contestant who gives the correct answers shall be declared the winner.

To prepare for a prolonged tie situation, a set of enumeration and computation type questions shall be prepared beforehand.

9. The following procedure shall be followed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:
  - a. Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry.
  - b. The protest or inquiry shall be written and signed by the official coach.
  - c. Any change in the score resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairman of the Board of Consultants at the earliest appropriate time during the POPQUIZ.

#### VIII. Contest Prizes

The city and provincial winners shall be awarded a cash prize of P500 for the first prize; P300 for the second prize; and, P200 for the third prize. For the regional POPQUIZ, P1,000 shall be awarded to the first prize winner; P700 to the second prize winner; and P500 to the third prize winner. Non-winners in the regional level shall each receive P100. For the national championship, a cash prize of P7,000 goes to the national champion; P5,000 to the first runner-up and P3,000 to the second runner-up. Other contestants in the national POPQUIZ shall each be awarded P500.

At national level, plaques of recognition shall be given to the schools, the MECSRCs, and the RPOs represented by the first, second and third prize winners. Official members of the regional delegations shall be given certificates of recognition. Each nominee to the population quiz show shall be sent a certification of recognition, each participating school shall be sent a letter of acknowledgement.







Other prizes and awards may be given from contributions, donations, et al, that may be solicited.

**IX. Regional Delegations**

The official members of the regional delegation of the national championship are the following:

1. the regional contestant
2. the official coach of the regional contestant; if not participated, the alternate coach.
3. the regional NRCSS-PEP coordinator, who shall act as the official chaperones;
4. the Supervising Information Officer of the RPO, who shall act as the regional delegation head; if incapacitated, another RPO staff member duly designated in writing by the Regional Population Programs Coordinator.

Travelling expenses from residence to Metro Manila and back plus full board and lodging shall be provided to the abovementioned official members of the regional delegation.





