

*Instruction at MDA Central First Aid School*



Field exercise of MDA Youth volunteers



## Aiding the Victims of Armed Conflicts

*Care for Prisoners of War:* Magen David Adom has provided field hospital beds, mobile clinics, supplementary food and warm clothing, personal toiletry articles and sports equipment to prisoners of war captured by the Israel Defense Forces in wartime. In some instances, MDA has played a major part in the repatriation exchange of prisoners.

*Aid to Civilian Population:* During and in the aftermath of Operation "Peace for Galilee" in 1982, MDA sent convoys of medical supplies, blankets and clothing, the gift of the people of Israel, for Lebanon's civilian population. Wounded and severely ill Lebanese, among them scores of dialysis patients who were unable to get treatment in Lebanon, were carried by MDA's ambulances to hospitals in Israel for care and treatment, and First Aid services were provided by MDA medical emergency teams,

Vietnamese tots, saved from foundering craft in the South China Sea, are made welcome in Israel by MDA volunteers



Two sisters meet after long years of separation. Reunion was effected through MDA's Family Tracing Service

which for several months operated from special encampments set up in the coastal region of Lebanon.

*Tracing of Missing Persons and Family Message Service:* In cooperation with the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MDA handles a vast number of requests from families trying to trace relatives. Since shortly after the establishment of the State of Israel, MDA has operated, jointly with the ICRC, a Family Message Service between Israel and the Arab countries, most of which do not maintain postal communications with Israel.

MDA also coordinates a service of relief parcels which may be sent annually to distressed families in the Soviet Union by their relatives in Israel.