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<i>London</i>	Continuation of discussions concerning Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan (M. M. Wolf)
<i>Luxemburg</i>	<i>XIVth Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy</i> (Dr. E. Gloor, Vice-President of the ICRC)
<i>Morzine</i>	Visit in connection with assistance to stateless refugees from Trieste (Dr. G. Dubois, MM. P. Kuhne, C. Turian)
	DECEMBER
<i>Mantua</i>	Presidential mission (M. P. Ruegger)
<i>Mülhausen</i>	<i>French Red Cross Exhibition</i> (M. R. Bovey)
<i>Strasburg</i>	Session of a group of experts of the Council of Europe (M. P. Ruegger, Mlle D. Werner)

### III. Relations with International Organisations

#### 1. GENERAL REMARKS

Many other public or private institutions work in the same field as the Red Cross, in particular the Army Medical Services, national Health Services and the whole of the medical and allied professions. To these agencies should be added various international organisations and numerous national or international charitable institutions, of a religious or secular nature.

#### 2. UNITED NATIONS

##### (a) Relations with the United Nations Organisation

In the course of the year the ICRC sent to the United Nations headquarters in New York various complete surveys and documents in connection with activities which were likely to be discussed during the IXth General Assembly. It continued to follow the work of the Economic and Social Council, the International Law

Commission, the Ad Hoc Commission on Prisoners of War, the International Bureau for Declarations of Death, the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund and the Technical Working Group on the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped, and remained in contact with other United Nations' services, particularly in Geneva, with a view to the co-ordination of programmes and methods for the solution of humanitarian problems.

### **(b) Collaboration with specialized Agencies**

The ICRC continued its relations with the United Nations Specialized Agencies. i.e. the *International Labour Organisation*, *Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations*, *United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation*, *World Health Organisation*, *International Telecommunication Union* and the *High Commissioner for Refugees*.

It attended, as an observer, the Council and Assembly meetings of some of the organisations.

The ICRC was invited by UNESCO to participate, at The Hague, in the work of the intergovernmental conference for the establishment of a Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict (April 21-May 14). The text adopted on May 14, 1954, which has been compared to a "Red Cross Charter for the protection of the artistic treasures of humanity", constitutes a felicitous extension of the law for the limitation of destruction caused by war.

## **3. OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

This ICRC retained its working contacts with the Council of Europe. It sent delegates or observers to the International Congress of the Lieux de Genève, Berlin, to meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee on European Migration, and the Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations, Geneva, the Intergovernmental Conference for the Protection of Cultural Property

in the event of Armed Conflict, The Hague, the XIVth Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy, Luxemburg, the Vth Congress of the International Bar Association, Monaco.

The ICRC remained in contact with various associations for mutual aid and relief, in particular :

International Committee for Aid to Intellectuals, Swiss Relief Fund, Young Men's Christian Association, and Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Welfare Conference, American Joint Distribution Committee, International Catholic Migration Commission, World Council of Churches, International Rescue Committee, International Federation of War Veterans Organisations, American Foundation for Overseas Blind, World University Service, Evangelisches Hilfswerk, International Sponsorship of War Orphans, Pro Infirmis, International Social Service, American Friends Service, World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, International Union for Child Welfare.

#### **IV. Informations and Publications**

##### **1. REVUE INTERNATIONALE DE LA CROIX ROUGE**

The *Revue internationale de la Croix Rouge*, the official organ of the ICRC, endeavours to show in its pages that the fundamental principles of the Red Cross are part of a vast movement of thought ; it has continued to publish articles by scholars of international renown, and to emphasise the existence in the oriental philosophies of the idea that every human being in distress, either friend or enemy, should be given aid. The first special edition in Arabic, about fifty pages, prepared in conjunction with the National Societies of the Middle East, revealed the common belief in the Red Cross ideal of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies.