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## **4. RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

### **The UN and its Specialized Agencies**

At the invitation of Mr. David Morse, Director-General of the International Labour Office, the President of the ICRC took part in the celebration of the International Labour Organisation's fiftieth anniversary on 10 June in Geneva. He also attended the private audience granted by His Holiness Paul VI on that occasion to the leaders of international and intergovernmental organizations.

On 18 February Mr. Borsinger represented the ICRC at the Executive Committee of the World Health Organization in Geneva.

Mr. Pilloud, Director, and Mr. Antoine Martin, were observers to the United Nations Economic and Social Council meeting in Geneva from 14 July to 8 August.

From 20 to 31 October, Mr. Borsinger and Mr. Beckh took part, also as observers, in the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

From 7 to 18 December, Mr. Pilloud was in New York to attend the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

### **Intergovernmental Organizations**

Mr. Pilloud was in Paris on 20 March in order to submit to the Legal Commission of the Council of Europe a paper on the position of Police Officers in the event of armed conflict.

He also addressed the Inter-Parliamentary Union at Vienna on 10 April on the ICRC's work related to the restoration of the law of war. The Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union adopted a resolution inviting all parliaments to encourage and support action undertaken by the ICRC and the United Nations in this field.

On 13 May, Mr. Frédéric Siordet, member of the ICRC, went to Strasbourg to attend the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Council of Europe.

From 1 to 5 December, Mr. Borsinger took part as an observer at the thirty-first session of the Council of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, which was held in Geneva.

## Non-Governmental Organizations

On 26 April Miss Katz represented the ICRC at the meeting of the National Association of Former Italian Internees.

Mr. Siordet was in Brussels on 27 April when he took part in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the *Amicale nationale des prisonniers politiques Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg*.

Mr. de Heller represented the ICRC in Berne on 22 May at the General Meeting of the Swiss branch of the International Social Service.

On the occasion of the visit to Geneva of Pope Paul VI on 10 June, the President of the ICRC attended the reception in honour of His Holiness at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches.

On 12 and 13 June, Mr. Gallopin, Member and Director General of the ICRC, took part in the Joint Church Aid meeting in Lucerne.

From 21 to 24 June, Mr. Beckh and Mr. Wilhelm were in Berlin (DDR) as observers at the World Assembly for Peace.

Miss Pfirter represented the ICRC at the XIVth quadrennial congress of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal from 22 to 29 June.

In July, Mr. Adolphe Graedel, Member of the ICRC, who went to the IXth World Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Brussels, was charged to represent the ICRC.

Mr. Pilloud and Mr. A. Martin attended the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations held in Geneva from 9 to 11 July.

Mr. de Preux represented the ICRC at the official opening session of the International Council of Amnesty International in Geneva on 13 September.

From 15 to 20 September, also in Geneva, Mrs. Denise Bind-schedler-Robert, Member of the ICRC, and Mr. A. Martin took part in a colloquy organized by the Carnegie Foundation on the subject of the restoration of the law of war.

Brigade-Colonel Hans Meuli, Member of the ICRC, was in Dublin from 25 September to 2 October in order to take part in the XIXth International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy.

Whilst staying in the United States, Mr. Veuthey represented the ICRC at the International Peace Academy Committee Consultants' Conference at Brattleboro from 11 to 14 October.

In October, Mr. Max Petitpierre, Member of the ICRC, addressed the International Social Service International Council which met in Geneva from 20 to 25 of that month.

On 14 November, the President of the ICRC went to Rome to receive the Antonio Feltrinelli Gold Medal which was awarded to the ICRC by the Academia nazionale dei Lincei.

Mr. Pilloud attended the National Conference on World Refugee Problems organized in Washington by the United States Committee for Refugees and held on 18 and 19 November.

Mr. Mirimanoff represented the ICRC at the Conference on biological and chemical warfare in London from 21 to 23 November 1969, organized by the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

## 5. INFORMATION

The Information Service continued its efforts to make better known throughout the world not only the role and work of the ICRC but also the principles of the Red Cross and of humanitarian law. As previously, it has attempted to act on two levels: public opinion in general and the National Red Cross Societies. It has published all available information on the institution and its work, through a considerable amount of written, pictorial and sound documentation.

**Relations with the press.**—The International Press has continued to show interest in the ICRC's activities by making extensive use of material published in "The ICRC in Action", of which 18 issues in four versions (French, English, Spanish and German) appeared in 1969.

In order to strengthen its contacts with the press, the Information Service organized press conferences at ICRC headquarters on an average of once a month. Several informative meetings took place also, in Switzerland and elsewhere, in the course of