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CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

In compliance with a request received on the subject, the ICRC sent the *United Nations General Secretary* documents on questions of common interest, as well as reports issued in conjunction with the League concerning the action of the International Red Cross in connection with the repatriation of Greek children. At the same time, it kept in contact with the United Nations services with a view to the co-ordination of programmes and working methods. The ICRC Delegation in Saïgon thus continued to assume the supervision of various activities in Viet Nam of the *United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund*.¹

At the request of the United Nations General Assembly, the ICRC sent observers to the principal conferences held at the United Nations European Office, in particular, the XXth Session of the *Economic and Social Council* (Geneva, July 5-August 6, 1955) and the *International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy* (Geneva, August 8-20, 1955).

With regard to other United Nations agencies, mention may be made of the International Committee's collaboration in various fields with the *International Labour Organisation*, *Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations*, *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation*, *World Health Organisation* and the *High Commissioner for Refugees*.

It also remained in useful contact with other governmental or non-governmental organisations, such as the *Council of Europe* (Strasburg), the *Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration* (Geneva); it was represented by observers at the *Conference of non-governmental organisations interested in the eradication of*

¹ See p. 18.

prejudice (Geneva, March 31-April 4, 1955), the *Vth General Council of the International Relief Union* (Geneva, May 31-June 1, 1955) and the meeting of the new Executive Committee of that organisation (Geneva, September 7, 1955).

During the year, the ICRC kept in touch or shared closer contacts with other public or private institutions, including 24 non-governmental organisations working in the same field as the Red Cross.

The following pages show the work done in this field during the year 1955.

MISSIONS AND MEETINGS

	JANUARY
<i>London</i>	Discussions concerning Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Kapan (M. Gallopin)
<i>San José</i>	Mission to Latin America in connection with an armed conflict (M. Jequier)
	FEBRUARY
<i>Bonn</i>	Discussions with the German and Allied authorities concerning the taking over of the ITS (MM. Siordet, de Traz, Wolf)
<i>Brussels</i>	Mission in connection with the re-uniting of families and for purposes of liaison with the German Red Cross († M. Ehrenhold)
	Discussion concerning the resettlement of refugees in Belgium (M. Kuhne)
<i>Caracas</i>	Continuation of mission to Latin America (M. Jequier)
<i>Frankfort</i>	Discussions with the German authorities (MM. de Traz, Wolf)
<i>Heiden</i>	Conversations on the subject of the proposed monument to Henry Dunant (M. Olgiati)
<i>London</i>	Discussions concerning Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan (MM. Carry, Gallopin, Kuhne)
<i>Managua, Panama</i>	Continuation of the mission to Latin America (M. Jequier)
<i>Mont-de-Marsan</i>	Mission concerning the resettlement of refugees in the Landes (M. Turian)
<i>Paris</i>	Study-visit in connection with problems in Viet Nam (M. Maunoir)
<i>Rabat</i>	Mission to Morocco in connection with disturbances (MM. Gaillard, Maunoir, Michel)
	MARCH
<i>Annecy</i>	Discussions with the local labour authorities concerning stateless refugees (M ^{me} Mathez)
<i>Rabat</i>	Continuation of mission to Morocco (Dr. Daulte, M. Gaillard)
	APRIL
<i>Algiers</i>	Mission to Algeria in connection with disturbances (MM. Bovey, Gaillard, Maunoir, Michel)
<i>Bonn</i>	Continuation of discussions concerning the ITS (MM. de Traz, Wolf)
<i>Geneva</i>	Conference of non-governmental organisations interested in the eradication of prejudice (MM. Olgiati, Siordet, Coursier)
	11th Meeting of the Council of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (MM. Gallopin, Wolf)
<i>Madrid</i>	Study-visit (M. Gallopin)
<i>Teheran</i>	Presidential Mission of the ICRC and League on the invitation of the Red Lion and Sun Society (M. Ruegger, President of the ICRC, and M. de Rougé, Vice-President and Secretary-General of the League)
	MAY
<i>Arolsen</i>	Mission for the taking over of the International Tracing Service (MM. Ammann, Borsinger, Jaquet)
<i>Bonn</i>	Continuation of discussions concerning the ITS (MM. de Traz, Wolf)
<i>Geneva</i>	VIIth Meeting of the International Law Commission (M. Pilloud)
	Vth General Council of the International Relief Union (M. Chalpuisat, M ^{le} Werner)

<i>Lucerne</i>	Congress of the International Hospital Federation (M ^{lle} Pfirter)
<i>Namur</i>	Mission to accompany refugees (M ^{me} de Ribaupierre)
JUNE	
<i>Arolsen, Bonn, Frankfort Bonn</i>	Mission in connection with the ITS (MM. Ruegger, Gallopin, Pilloud, Bovey) Continuation of discussions concerning the taking over of the ITS (MM. Gallopin, de Traz, Wolf)
<i>Florence Helsinki</i>	IVth Congress for Peace and Christian Civilisation (M. Ruegger) World Peace Council ; visit to the Finland Red Cross Society (M. Pilloud)
<i>London</i>	Discussions concerning the application of Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan (M. Gallopin)
<i>Paris</i>	Study-mission (MM. Gallopin, Gaillard)
JULY	
<i>Arolsen Bonn</i>	Mission in connection with the ITS (MM. Burckhardt, Haas) Plenary Session of the International Commission for the ITS (MM. Ruegger, Burckhardt, Gallopin, Ammann)
<i>Frankfort Geneva</i>	Discussion in connection with refugees (M. de Traz) United Nations Economic and Social Council (MM. Siordet, Pilloud, de Reynold)
	VIth General Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations (MM. Coursier, de Reynold)
	Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations interested in Migration (M. Coursier)
<i>Helsinki</i>	XVIIIth International Conference on Public Education (M. Haas)
<i>The Hague London</i>	Congress of the European Association for the Study of Refugee Problems (M. Coursier) Special mission (M. Ruegger) Study-mission (Dr. Junod)
AUGUST	
<i>Arolsen Belgrade Caux</i>	Mission in connection with the ITS (MM. Ammann, de Cocatrix) Repatriation of Greek children from Rumania (M. Jequier) Discussions with the Minister for Refugees of the German Federal Republic (MM. Olgiati, Ehrenhold)
<i>Geneva</i>	International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (MM. Pilloud, Wilhelm)
<i>Helsinki</i>	Jubilee of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (M ^{lle} Odier)
<i>Istanbul</i>	Congress of the European Association for the Study of Refugee Problems (M. Coursier)
<i>London Paris</i>	XVIIIth Meeting of the International Information Office for Military Medicine and Pharmacy (Dr. Gloor, M. Pictet) Study-mission concerning African questions (M. H. P. Junod)
<i>Salonika Zurich</i>	XVIIth Congress and Centenary of the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (M. Siordet) Repatriation of Greek children from Rumania (M. Jequier) Celebration Day of the Nouvelle Société helvétique in favour of Swiss citizens abroad (M. Nobs)

SEPTEMBER

<i>Arolsen</i>	Mission concerning the ITS (MM. Bruns, Hoffmann, Jaquet)
<i>Bonn</i>	Plenary Session of the International Commission for the ITS (M. Gallopin)
<i>Geneva</i>	Executive Committee of the International Relief Union (M. Ruegger, M ^{le} Werner)
<i>London</i>	Visit in connection with assistance to war disabled (M ^{le} Pfirter)
<i>Paris</i>	Study-mission (M. de Traz)
<i>Vienna</i>	IXth General Assembly of the World Medical Association (M. Schoenholzer)

OCTOBER

<i>Berne</i>	Visit to the President of the Swiss Confederation (M. Boissier, President of the ICRC)
<i>Bonn</i>	Plenary Session of the International Commission of the ITS (M. Gallopin)
<i>Munich, Piding,</i> <i>Vienna</i>	Mission concerning the repatriation of « Volksdeutsche » children from Jugoslavia (M. Beckh)
<i>Trieste</i>	Mission to accompany refugees (M ^{les} Rothenbach, van Erk)

NOVEMBER

<i>Athens</i>	Mission for assistance to detained and exiled persons and contact with the Greek Red Cross (M. Horneffer)
<i>Berne</i>	Visit to the President of the Swiss Red Cross and inauguration of the new Blood Transfusion Centre (M. Boissier)
<i>Beirut</i>	Mission to the Middle East for information and relief purposes (M. de Traz)
<i>Bonn</i>	Plenary Session of the International Commission for the ITS (M. Gallopin)
<i>Paris</i>	Special missions (MM. Chenevière, Gallopin)
	Mission to the Committee on Neutral International Medical Corps in Time of War (M. Siordet)
	Mission concerning Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan (M. de Weck)
<i>Vienna</i>	Mission for information and liaison purposes to the ICRC Delegation (M ^{me} Iconomow)

DECEMBER

<i>Amman</i>	Continuation of mission to the Middle East (M. de Traz)
<i>Bonn</i>	Session of the International Commission for the ITS (M. Gallopin)
<i>Cyprus</i>	Negotiations concerning civilian internees and visits to camps (M. de Traz)
<i>Jerusalem</i>	Continuation of mission to the Middle East (M. de Traz)
<i>Cairo</i>	Continuation of mission to the Middle East (M. de Traz)
<i>London</i>	Mission concerning Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan (MM. Gallopin, de Weck)
<i>Paris</i>	Mission concerning Article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan (M. Gallopin)
	Mission to the Committee on Neutral International Medical Corps in Time of War (M. Siordet)
	Mission concerning financial questions in connection with the accommodation of refugees in France (M. Turian)