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celebrations has been entrusted have been busy throughout the year and have been very active.

### **Administration of funds**

In 1962 the Joint Commission responsible for the distribution of the revenues from the Empress Shôken Fund (which comprises representatives of the ICRC, the League and the Japanese Red Cross), distributed the sum of Sw. Frs. 12,000.— as follows : Sw. Frs. 3,000.— to the Bolivian Red Cross ; Sw. Frs. 2,000.— to the Indian Red Cross ; Sw. Frs. 3,500.— to the Liberian National Red Cross and Sw. Frs. 3,500.— to the Togolese Red Cross.

## **RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The ICRC remains in close contact with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, particularly with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Health Organization (WHO). The ICRC sent observers to the more important meetings of the latter, in particular to the 15th World Health Assembly (Geneva, May 8-26), to the 30th Session of the Executive Board of WHO (Geneva, May 29-31) and to the 13th Session of the WHO Regional Committee in Manila held in September, which was also attended by the ICRC delegate to the Philippines. The ICRC was represented at the 7th and 8th Sessions of the Executive Committee for the programme of the High Commissioner For Refugees (Geneva, May 14-22 ; October 22-26), as well as at the 34th Session of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (Geneva, July).

The ICRC also maintained contacts with numerous other institutions, both governmental and non-governmental, which are independent of UNO. It delegated observers to two meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM), in May and November in Geneva.

Furthermore, Mr. Siordet, a member of the ICRC, took part in the International Conference of formerly imprisoned doctors, organized by the International Confederation of Former Prisoners

of War. This meeting which was held on November 2 and 3 in Brussels dealt with the pathological effects of captivity.

**The Vatican and the Order of Malta.**—Mr. Léopold Boissier, President of the ICRC, was in Rome from February 15 to 21, 1962. On February 16, Mr. Boissier was received in private audience by His Holiness Pope John XXIII, with whom he discussed several questions likely to be of interest to the Vatican. His Holiness showed a lively interest in the humanitarian work of the Red Cross.

The following day, Mr. Boissier was received by the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta, where he was greeted by the Lieutenant of the Grand Master, the Duke of Paterno. He subsequently visited the services of the Order.

**World Peace Council.**—The ICRC, having been invited by the World Peace Council to take part in the World Congress for general disarmament and peace in Moscow, from July 9 to 14, sent representatives in the persons of Mr. René.-J. Wilhelm and Mr. Roger Du Pasquier as observers. They were very cordially received in the Soviet capital where they were able to make useful enquiries about existing trends within this vast movement and to establish interesting contacts with representatives of countries of the Eastern block.

## INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS

As in previous years, the Press and Information Department has endeavoured to propagate throughout the world the principles, the rôle and the work of the Red Cross. Furthermore, as the Centenary of the Red Cross drew near, it considerably intensified its activity in order to prepare public opinion for the 1963 celebrations.

### Relations with the Press

First and foremost in this sphere was the publication of frequent press communiqués (thirty odd in 1962) and of the bulletin of