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the International Committee found extremely useful. The proceedings produced results which will be submitted to governments and National Red Cross Societies and which are essential for the drawing up at some future date of regulations to be included in international law.

INTER-RED CROSS RELATIONS

Recognition of new National Societies

In 1964 the ICRC officially recognized two new National Red Cross Societies, those of Jamaica and Nepal; both of them on October 1, 1964. The number of officially recognized National Societies thus increased to 104.

International Red Cross Meetings

The President of the International Committee, Mr. Léopold Boissier, the President of the League of Red Cross Societies, Mr. John MacAuley, and the Chairman of the Standing Commission, Mr. André François-Poncet, met in Paris on March 16, 1964. This meeting was preparatory to the session of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross which took place in Geneva on September 22, under the chairmanship of Mr. François-Poncet.

On the same day the ICRC welcomed at its headquarters the representatives of some forty National Societies who had come to Geneva for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the League. It organized a briefing session on its main activities.

As Mr. Boissier was on the point of resigning from his office as President of the ICRC he took the opportunity of taking leave of the National Societies and their federation, the League, and of thanking them for the support they had given him in the common humanitarian cause. Mr. François-Poncet, President of the French Red Cross and Chairman of the Standing Commission, Mr. MacAuley, President of the League, and Professor Gueorgui Miterev, President of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR, expressed their gratitude to Mr. Boissier for his fine work at the

head of the ICRC, as well as the regret of the Red Cross world at the news of his resignation.

A few days after assuming office on October 1, the new President of the ICRC, Mr. Samuel A. Gonard, made a point of visiting the League of Red Cross Societies and its Secretary-General, Mr. Henrik Beer. He seized the opportunity to bring himself up to date on the League's activities.

In addition, the League and the ICRC continued their monthly sessions at the headquarters of each in turn in order to consider many subjects of concern to the Red Cross movement.

National Societies

Apart from the many contacts already mentioned, the ICRC was frequently in touch with the National Societies and it seized every opportunity to strengthen its ties with them. Several of its representatives have carried out missions and visits to them, the main ones being as follows, in chronological order :

In January, Mr. S. A. Gonard, then Vice-President, together with Mr. G. Hoffmann, general delegate, went to the Yemen, calling at Beirut for a brief visit to the Lebanese Red Cross. In the same month, Mr. R.-J. Wilhelm, adviser in the Legal Department, in the course of consultations on the status of civil defence services, visited the National Societies of Great Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Mr. Borsinger, Secretary of the Executive Board, also visited the British Red Cross.

In February, Mr. Gonard and Mr. Hoffmann were received by the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Republic and of Saudi Arabia. Mr. F. Siordet, a Committee member, visited the French Red Cross in Paris. Mr. C. Pilloud, Deputy Director for General Affairs, took part at a conference in Oslo on the U.N. Security Forces and also visited the Norwegian Red Cross.

In March, Mr. G. Hoffmann, general delegate, had discussions with the Portuguese Red Cross in Lisbon. He visited the British Red Cross in London.

In April, Mr. L. Boissier, then President of the ICRC, went to Warsaw, accompanied by Mr. J. Pictet ; the university of that town

conferred on him the title of *doctor honoris causa* and the Polish Red Cross welcomed the ICRC representatives and arranged for them to visit its Gdańsk committee. Mr. F. Siordet represented the ICRC at the Vth Congress of the Bulgarian Red Cross in Sofia ; on his return journey he called on the Yugoslav Red Cross in Belgrade. Mr. J. Pictet, Director for General Affairs, took part in the Xth Conference of the Commission médico-juridique in Monaco, and was received by the President of the Red Cross of Monaco. Mr. Pilloud, Deputy Director, together with League representatives, went to Vienna for discussions with the Austrian Red Cross on the organization of the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, due to be held in that city in October 1965.

In May, Mr. L. Boissier, President, accompanied by Mr. R. J. Wilhelm, took part in the Yugoslav Red Cross celebrations in Belgrade of the twentieth anniversary of the Society's reconstitution. He also visited the Red Cross Societies of the Federated Republics of Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, and Macedonia. Mr. Bodmer, Vice-President, represented the ICRC at the centenary celebration of the Belgian Red Cross in Brussels. Mr. H. Bachmann, also Vice-President, represented the International Committee at the 79th assembly of Swiss Red Cross delegates in Leysin. After visiting the Cambodian Red Cross at Phnom-Penh, Mr. A. Durand, general delegate for Asia, took part in the forum organized at Sydney by the Australian Red Cross together with the League ; it was attended by National Society officials from Burma, China, Ceylon, Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand. In the same month, Mr. H. Beckh visited the headquarters of the Austrian Red Cross in Vienna, where he returned again in December. Mr. R. Du Pasquier, head of the Information Department, was the guest of the American Red Cross which organized facilities for his study visit.

In June, Mr. M. Bodmer, Vice-President, visited the Netherlands Red Cross during a private trip in that country. Mr. G. Hoffmann, general delegate for Africa, had discussions with the Sudanese Red Crescent in Khartoum. Mr. R. Du Pasquier was also a guest of the Canadian Red Cross for a fortnight's study.

In July, Mr. L. Boissier, President, accompanied by Mr. P. Jequier, delegate, attended the Spanish Red Cross centenary celebrations in Madrid.

In August, Mr. G. C. Senn, delegate, visited the Red Cross Society of Burundi in Usumbura ; he had paid a previous visit in January. During her stay in Iceland, Miss A. Pfirter, head of the Medical Personnel Section, visited the National Society in Reykjavik.

In the course of a private journey in the U.S.A. in October, Professor A. Franceschetti, member of the ICRC, visited the American National Red Cross.

In November, Mr. G. Hoffmann, general delegate for Africa, visited the Ethiopian Red Cross in Addis Ababa. Mr. A. Durand, general delegate for Asia, went to Djakarta, where he had discussions with the Indonesian Red Cross. Mr. C. Pilloud, Deputy Director, returned to Vienna in order to study with the Austrian Red Cross and the League the arrangements to be made for the XXth International Conference.

In December, Mr. L. Boissier, member and lately President of the ICRC, went to London, where he was presented with the British Red Cross Certificate of Honour by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester. Mr. S. A. Gonard, President, together with Mr. R. Gallopin, Executive Director, visited the Swiss Red Cross headquarters in Berne.

Mention should also be made of an ICRC mission comprising Mr. H. Bachmann, Vice-President, and Mr. C. Pilloud, Deputy Director, which went to Israel in March in order to contact government representatives and the Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David), with the object, in particular, of examining the possibility of this society's becoming a member of the International Red Cross. As is generally known, its official accession to the Institution has so far not been possible in view of the Society's name and emblem.

Administration of Funds

In 1964, the Joint Commission of the Empress Shôken Fund, which is responsible for distribution of income from the Fund and comprises representatives of the ICRC, the League and the Japanese

Red Cross, allocated the sum of 10,000 Swiss francs to the Sierra Leone Red Cross for the purchase of a "Land Rover".

In 1964 the Special Commission of the ICRC responsible for the management of the Augusta Fund and for the distribution every four years of revenue from the fund, allocated a total of 13,000 Swiss francs as follows: SFr. 2,000 to the Burma Red Cross for its blood bank ; SFr. 1,500 to the Norwegian Red Cross for its prisons social service ; SFr. 4,000 to the Pakistan Red Cross for the purchase of a refrigerator for its blood bank ; SFr. 2,000 to the Thai Red Cross for the purchase of teaching material for its Nurses Training School ; SFr. 2,000 to the Togolese Red Cross for its kindergarten ; SFr. 1,500 to the Uruguayan Red Cross for its relief teams.

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

As in previous years, the ICRC maintained close relations with the United Nations Organization and its specialized agencies, particularly those which carry out humanitarian activities such as the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Health Organization. It had frequent personal contact with these institutions and exchanges of information.

The ICRC was represented by observers at various WHO meetings in Geneva. In addition, Mr. Boissier, President, attended the inaugural session of the 17th World Health Assembly on March 3, 1964.

The ICRC also maintained a close connection with other institutions, both governmental and non-governmental, which were not related to the United Nations. It delegated observers to two meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) in May and November in Geneva.

The ICRC continued to accommodate the Secretariat of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, which is an association of a great many non-governmental humanitarian institutions. Two of the ICRC representatives attended as observers the meeting of the Council's Sub-commission in March, for consideration of the Tibetan refugee problem.