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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

which ICRC personnel described the institution's activities, frequently illustrated by films.

The Information Service also issued 109 press releases as well as news likely to be of special interest to newspapers or agencies. It also had to answer a number of verbal and written questions raised by journalists and representatives of radio and television, and handed out some 6,700 photographs for newspapers and periodicals of various countries.

**Documents.**—The Information Service replied to numerous requests for information from National Red Cross Societies, various institutions and individuals, not only on the ICRC's recent and current activities, but also on events going further back in time.

In order to answer these requests, the Information Service sent out copious documentation to its correspondents on the origin and history of the Red Cross, the institution's philosophy and principles, and the Geneva Conventions. It communicated information to university students to enable them to prepare their work as well as to authors of publications, in particular of historical works and school textbooks.

It also issued documents to the many visitors to ICRC headquarters.

**Radio, television and films.**—In 1969 the radio and television services of several countries reserved a place for the ICRC and its activities in their programmes.

Most of the radio recordings, of which more than 80 were interviews, were carried out in the ICRC's own studio. In addition, the Information Service sent about 100 tape recordings to various radio stations, through the National Societies. Most of these were broadcast.

Some 70 sequences and interviews were filmed for television at ICRC headquarters for Swiss or international broadcasting. The Information Service received reporters from the Federal Republic of Germany (1st and 2nd channels), the United States, France, Great Britain (BBC and ATV), Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland (French and German-speaking TV). These film reports were broadcast several times on Eurovision and several

international television programmes reported on the ICRC's activities in Nigeria.

The ICRC itself produced a colour film, "Nigeria, Two Years After", on its work in Nigeria.

It also published three versions, in English, French and German, of a catalogue of its films. This was distributed to National Red Cross Societies, international organizations and national television networks.

ICRC films continued to be widely distributed; 36 copies were sold and 194 borrowed. In view of the increasing demand for film shows, both at the ICRC and in private institutions, schools, clubs, commercial centres, conferences and congresses, it proved necessary to enlarge the film library. In 1969, the total number of projections was 228.

**Exhibition.**—The ICRC organized an exhibition entitled "The ICRC Today". It exists in two versions, one international (English/French/Spanish) and the other Swiss (French/German/Italian). It was presented for the first time at Istanbul during the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross.

**Visitors.**—During the year the Visitors Service received over 3,000 persons, of whom many were university groups and professional and cultural associations from five continents.

In addition, the ICRC was pleased to welcome at its headquarters several members of National Societies and representatives of various international institutions.

## 6. INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE RED CROSS

*International Review* is published by the ICRC in two versions, one French and one English, every month. In addition, monthly German and Spanish supplements reproduce articles from the *Review*.

In 1969, the main issues were devoted to the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross and to the resolutions it