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Standing Commission

The Standing Commission of the International Red Cross held two ordinary sessions in Geneva, on 11 April and 26 September 1972.

Present at the meeting, which was chaired by Angela, Countess of Limerick (United Kingdom), were the two representatives of the International Committee, Mr. Marcel A. Naville, President, and Mr. Jean Pictet, Vice-President; the two representatives of the League, Mr. José Barroso, President of the Board of Governors, and Mr. Eustasio Villanueva Vadillo (Spain), and the members elected by the International Conference of the Red Cross, namely General James F. Collins (USA), Dr. Hadj Ahmed Djebli-Elaydouni (Morocco), Sir Geoffrey Newman-Morris (Australia) and Dr. N. Troyan, President of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, who was deputizing for Professor Miterev (USSR). The Red Lion and Sun Society of Iran—which will receive the forthcoming International Conference of the Red Cross—was represented by H.E. J. Sharif Emani, Vice-President; H.E. Dr. H. Khatibi, Director-General, and Mrs. P. Shahidi, Liaison Officer to international Red Cross organizations. Mr. T. W. Sloper, the Commission's Adviser, also attended the meeting.

The Standing Commission was mainly concerned with the organization of the XXIInd International Conference of the Red Cross, to be held in Teheran from 7 to 15 November 1973, following the session of the League's Board of Governors.

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

During 1972, Mr. A. Dominique Micheli, ICRC delegate to international organizations, in close co-operation with the Department of Principles and Law and the Operations Department, continued his contacts with the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, as well as with the Council of Europe and non-governmental organizations.

With the members of the Legal Division, Mr. Micheli followed the question of the development of international humanitarian law, dealt with by the United Nations as " Respect for Human Rights in Armed Conflicts ".

Other points, such as the protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions, the work of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories, racial and decolonization problems (Southern Africa), and terrorism, also received his attention and required repeated personal contact with the United Nations officials in charge of those matters.

In his contacts with senior members of the United Nations secretariat, the ICRC delegate to international organizations had occasion to concern himself with a number of problems relating to the Operations Department, such as the situation in Burundi, the expulsion of Asians from Uganda and the situation in the Asian sub-continent.

In New York, Mr. Micheli was assisted part of the time by Mr. Louis Jaquinet.

Regional organizations

From 23 to 26 January, Mr. Micheli attended the third part of the twenty-third ordinary session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg.

Non-governmental organizations

The delegate to international organizations represented the ICRC at the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 26 to 28 June.

With Mr. Malinverni, legal adviser, he also attended the proceedings of the International NGO Conference on Disarmament which took place in Geneva from 25 to 29 September.

United Nations and its specialized agencies

From 14 February to 3 March, Mr. Micheli represented the ICRC at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in Geneva.

As an observer, he attended the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, in New York from 6 March to 4 April.

He also followed the proceedings of the twenty-fifth World Health Assembly, in Geneva, from 9 to 26 May.

From 3 to 28 July, Mr. Micheli attended the fifty-third session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, in Geneva.

He was in New York from 27 September to 19 December, following the proceedings of the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly.
