

*IN GENEVA***Soviet Red Cross visits ICRC ¹**

A delegation from the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR visited ICRC headquarters from 26 to 28 April. The delegation was led by Dr. V. A. Baltiyski, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Alliance, and included Mrs. L. I. Tcherkasskaya, Chief of the Section for Co-operation with International Organizations, Mr. B. I. Morgunov, Chief of the External Relations Department, and his deputy, Mr. I. A. Teterin.

The delegation was received by ICRC President Mr. Alexandre Hay, several members of the Committee and by senior staff members, with whom various talks took place. The group also visited the ICRC Central Tracing Agency and the Henry Dunant Institute.

ICRC member resigns

Mr. Waldemar Jucker, member of the International Committee of the Red Cross, has resigned from the Committee following his appointment by the Swiss Government as of 1 April 1977 as delegate of the Federal Council for questions of economic development.

The ICRC has accepted Mr. Jucker's resignation with regret and has expressed its great appreciation for the major contribution he made to the work of the institution since his election to the committee in 1967.

Ratification of the Geneva Conventions

On 10 December 1976, the Swiss Government received an instrument of ratification of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 from the Republic of Bolivia and accordingly notified the Governments of the States parties to these conventions.

In accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions, the ratification by the Republic of Bolivia will take effect six months after deposit of the instrument, that is, on 10 June 1977.

¹ *Plate.*