

**INFORMATION MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

On September 23, 1964, the International Committee of the Red Cross and its President, Mr. Léopold Boissier, received at the headquarters of the institution, representatives of some forty National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies meeting in Geneva on the occasion of a session of the Executive Committee of the League, their federative body.

Accounts were given, by several members of the ICRC staff, of the Red Cross action in the Yemen and Cyprus, as well as of the organization of Red Cross radiocommunications and the future fitting up of the Central Tracing Agency and the Henry Dunant Institute.

Mr. Boissier, who was about to relinquish his office as President, officially took farewell of his guests and thanked the National Societies and the League for the unceasing support and co-operation they had given him in the service of a common humanitarian cause.

Mr. André François-Poncet, President of the French Red Cross and Chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross, then spoke on behalf of all those present, expressing the unanimous regret caused in the Red Cross world by the news of Mr. Boissier's resignation, upheld in spite of many attempts to induce him to reconsider his decision. During the nine years of his Presidency the Geneva Institution had developed to a remarkable degree.

Mr. John MacAulay, Chairman of the League of Red Cross Societies, subscribing to these expressions of regret, stressed how harmonious and effective, thanks to Mr. Boissier, had been the co-operation between the two international institutions of the Red Cross.

Finally, Mr. Gueorgui Miterev, President of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the Soviet Union, warmly expressed his admiration of the retiring President and of his long and fine humanitarian career.