

intelligently, creatively and practically in order to strengthen the principles of international co-operation and to give new impetus to the progress of humanity towards a world in which peace, liberty and justice are the universal objective”.

This sentence, taken from a report to the eleventh General Meeting of the World Veterans Federation seems to me perfectly to express the spirit which animates us all here.

The International Committee has the permanent mission of maintaining the spirit of the Red Cross on the international level and even more of bringing relief to victims throughout the world wherever they may be. We are pleased to know that you are at our side and that you are ready to support the action undertaken by the International Committee of the Red Cross as a modest neutral intermediary. At the present time of awesome industrial and scientific development, when everything seems concerted to lead humanity to a new world, where man is in danger of becoming no more than a mere number lost in the multitude, without individual personality, in the midst of increasing anarchy, it is comforting to know that the veterans of the whole world, together with the 188 million human beings of the Red Cross movement, are resolved to remain faithful to the principles which guide us and to make their beneficial influence effective.

Your support is essential to us. We are profoundly grateful for it.

### **Training course on the Geneva Conventions**

On April 28, 1965, the International Committee of the Red Cross received at its headquarters a group of some fifty Swiss Army officers headed by Brigadier Jean Schindler ; they came to take part in an introductory course on the Geneva Conventions, organized with the assistance of the ICRC.

After being welcomed by Mr. Gonard, President of the ICRC and a former Swiss Army Corps Commander, the officers heard a number of lectures in German and in French on the Institution's activities in time of war. This was followed by a visit to the Central Tracing Agency.

This was the first time the Swiss Army has organized such a course on the Geneva Conventions.

### **A fresh series of colour slides on the Geneva Conventions**

The ICRC has just published a new series of slides on the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949. The series consists of thirty pictures illustrating the main rules and prohibitions laid down in these Conventions to which practically every country in the world has adhered. The illustrations were taken from original paintings by an artist well known to the Geneva public, Edouard Elzingre.

These slides are intended for members of the armed forces and also for youth and they are accompanied by explanatory comments in French, English, German or Spanish.