

*IN GENEVA***New members of the International Committee**

Meeting in plenary session, the International Committee of the Red Cross elected the following new members: Mrs. Denise Bindschedler-Robert, Mr. Marcel Naville and Dr. Jacques F. de Rougemont.

Mrs. Denise Bindschedler-Robert was born at Saint-Imier and educated at La Chaux-de-Fonds and, after studying at Berne and Lausanne universities, was called to the bar in 1945.

Four years later she was received Doctor of Laws at the University of Berne, after submitting a thesis on Swiss neutrality.

A legal expert at the Federal Political Department she was, in 1949, a member of the Swiss delegation at the Diplomatic Conference which resulted in the signing of the four Geneva Conventions.

Later, she co-operated with Professor Paul Guggenheim in drawing up a treaty of public international law.

Since 1956, she has been in charge of teaching public international law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies where she was appointed Professor extraordinary in 1964.

In addition to the important study which we have mentioned, Mrs. Bindschedler-Robert has published articles in various reviews concerning, in particular, problems raised on the international level by Swiss neutrality and questions relating to the Red Cross. One of these studies was entitled "Genfer Konventionen und Rotes Kreuz".

Born in 1919, Mr. Marcel Naville studied in Geneva where he obtained a degree in arts at that University.

Attached to the Foreign Section of the Federal Political Department, he subsequently became a member of the ICRC legal department.

ment where he was able to become acquainted with Red Cross activities.

He then embarked on a banking career and is now director of a prominent bank in Geneva.

A man of wide culture, Mr. Naville had, naturally, already by family tradition, to interest himself closely in the work of the Red Cross. He is, in fact, the grandson of Edouard Naville who was a member of the ICRC and played a preponderant rôle when he was called upon in 1917, in the middle of world war, to assume the interim Presidency of the International Committee and replaced Gustave Ador as head of the International Prisoners of War Agency.

Dr. Jacques F. de Rougemont was born in 1918 in Neuchâtel where he started his medical studies, completed in Geneva.

He very soon gave proof of his humanitarian ideal by carrying out for the Swiss Red Cross in 1943 a mission in Crete, then occupied by German forces.

Two years later he went to Finland on behalf of the "Don Suisse".

In 1960, the ICRC called upon him to undertake a mission for political detainees in Greece. The following year, it asked him to participate in the work in favour of the victims of pseudo-medical experiments. In this capacity he visited Poland on seven occasions.

Now based on Geneva, where he practises medicine and like other practitioners who were members of the ICRC since Appia and Maunoir until Marcel Junod and Ernest Gloor, he knows how to combine daily care for his patients with the help which he brings, whenever the Red Cross appeals to him, to the victims of conflicts:

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By their wide experience, their profound sense of reality and knowledge of Red Cross problems, the newly elected members will make a most valuable contribution to the work of the International Committee, which takes much pleasure in being able to count in the future on their support.
