

**GIFT OF AN AMBULANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE**

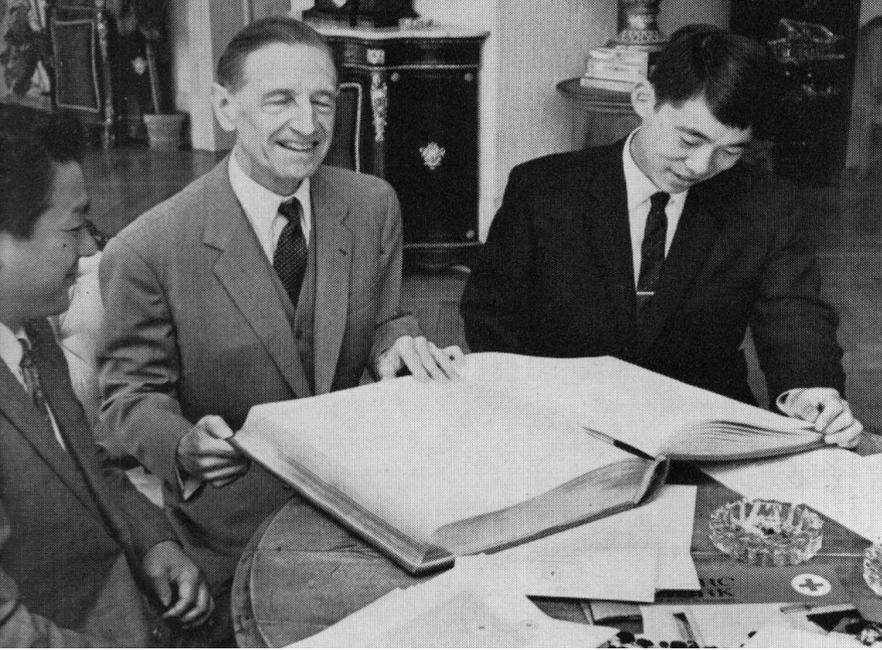
Two firms : one German ; " W. Ernst Haas & Sohn ", and one American ; " Controls Company ", decided to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their co-operation by donating an ambulance to the International Committee. As a result a ceremony took place on May 16, 1964 at the headquarters of the ICRC, attended by representatives of the two donor firms and by several ICRC officials who received them¹.

Mr. Steppan, for the German company, explained in what circumstances it was decided to donate this ambulance. He went on to say " we thought the best way to celebrate this anniversary would be to make a donation to an international organization dedicated to the welfare of mankind. The Red Cross will be able to use this ambulance in the manner it deems best for service to humanity ".

Mr. Zwijnenburg, on behalf of the American firm, also spoke and expressed his good wishes for the humanitarian work carried out by the Red Cross throughout the world to alleviate suffering and granting assistance without discrimination.

On behalf of the International Committee Mr. Martin Bodmer, Vice-President, expressed warm appreciation and explained how useful was this generous gift which may be considered as a tribute to the century of work accomplished under the emblem of the Red Cross. The ambulance which was parked in front of the building was much admired and a reception was given during which the representatives of the two donor firms signed the ICRC's " Golden Book ".

¹ *Plate.*



Mr. Bodmer, Vice-President of the ICRC, showing the institution's Golden Book to the prize-winners of the Japanese Red Cross competition.

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In front of the ambulance offered to the ICRC, three directors of donating firms (on left) with representatives of the ICRC.

