

*IN GENEVA***ICRC visitors**

The ICRC Visitors Service is always quite busy and the following figures give some idea of the volume of its activities. During the first six months of 1976, the Service received nearly 2,100 persons, some singly and some in groups. The visitors included more than 500 members of National Societies from 37 countries: Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Mauritania, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Somalia, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, USSR, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Where visits are announced beforehand, a full programme is arranged:

- (a) a film show comprising two feature films, one on the history of the Red Cross in which a number of events and activities going back over a hundred years are portrayed, and the other on the tasks accomplished by an ICRC delegation in a country at war;
- (b) a visit to the Central Tracing Agency or, in the case of very large groups, a viewing of colour slides illustrating the Agency's work;
- (c) a talk, followed by a discussion, on current ICRC activities throughout the world; sometimes, a visit to the radio station at Versoix is also arranged;
- (d) each visitor is presented with a sizeable amount of documentary material.

In this way, Red Cross members and other visitors interested in the ICRC and its work are received at its Geneva headquarters and are introduced, as described above, to its organization and tasks, thus giving them an opportunity to get a more accurate idea of the ICRC and its duties in the world of today.¹

¹ The Visitors Service would be grateful if persons and groups of visitors wishing to obtain fuller documentation on the ICRC would kindly communicate in advance the nature of the information in which they are more particularly interested.