

Mr. S. A. Gonard, President, expressed the institution's appreciation for their zeal and loyalty to the Red Cross. He presented each of them with a silver platter on which the recipient's name was engraved.

The staff members concerned were Mrs. M. Beurret, Mrs. R. Parmelin and Mr. J. P. Maunoir.

On behalf of his colleagues and in his own name, Mr. Maunoir thanked the International Committee for its gift and for its confidence. He added his wishes for the success of the institution to which, he said, all who worked for it are deeply attached.

At the Central Tracing Agency

In 1937, during the Spanish Civil War, young A. H. S., who was born in Bilbao in 1929, went to the USSR.

Having been without news of her parents since that date, she applied last summer to the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR in Moscow, in an endeavour to trace any member of her family.

The information supplied by Miss A. H. S. was very vague. She only remembered that her father, P. S., was a musician and airman, that her mother A. S. had studied to be a teacher but never actually followed this calling. She also mentioned that she had an uncle by the name of R.

The Agency contacted the Spanish Red Cross, requesting it to direct its research towards Bilbao. It was able to trace the mother whose family name, transcribed from Russian, was spelt differently in each country. She was still living in Bilbao but her husband had been dead since 1938.

Mrs. S's emotion was so great on learning that her daughter was alive that she was unable to sign the letter she dictated to the Spanish Red Cross, in which she said: " My happiness is so great and I am so moved that I can do no more than say how eager I am to see you again and to embrace you ".
