

## **NEW MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

The International Committee of the Red Cross has appointed a new member, Miss Marjorie Duvillard, who assumed her duties on November 23, 1961.

After having studied at Buenos Aires, then at Vevey and Geneva, Miss Duvillard obtained the diploma of " Le Bon Secours " Nursing School in 1939. She then worked as a practising nurse and subsequently followed a series of refresher courses in various countries, especially in the United States. From 1940 to 1942, she was delegate of the International Union for Child Welfare to Latin America and, from 1945 to 1947, nursing adviser to the League of Red Cross Societies. She was appointed Director of " Le Bon Secours " Nursing School at Geneva, having occupied this position since 1948.

At a time when the question of training medical personnel and nurses is assuming increased importance in the world, the International Committee is pleased to be able to count in future on the services of Miss Marjorie Duvillard, whose expert advice will be of special value to it.

The International Committee has elected Mr. Max Petitpierre as a new member. He took up his duties on December 2, 1961.

Born in 1899 at Neuchâtel, where he studied and obtained his doctorship of laws, Mr. Petitpierre was appointed Professor at the University of his native town in 1926, where he also practised law. In 1938 he became Dean of the Faculty of Laws.

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In 1942, he was made President of the Swiss Chamber of Clocks and Watches and was elected in 1944 to the Swiss Federal Council. He was three times President of the Confederation and, in 1961, he resigned from the Federal Council.

It should be recalled that, in 1949, he presided during four and a half months with great authority and competence over the Geneva Diplomatic Conference. This Conference adopted the four International Conventions for the protection of the victims of war, which represent, as one knows, a considerable step forward in the history of humanitarian law. During that time the new Geneva Convention originated, which offered guarantees to civilians which they had for so long been lacking.

Thanks to his extensive knowledge and experience, Mr. Petit-pierre will bring most valuable support to the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in which he has already shown a constant interest.