

*He further states : I am certain that there is no need to specify that all measures envisaged by UNO would have no other object than that of reminding members of its Forces of the principles of the Geneva Conventions and thus to show, without any possible ambiguity, that operations carried out in the name and under the command of the Organization must be in complete accordance with the spirit of the Conventions.*

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### **ICRC Mission in Algeria and Tunisia**

Continuing its customary activity on behalf of prisoners and detained persons, the International Committee of the Red Cross sent a new mission to Algeria between November 24 and December 16, 1961.

Consisting of Mr. Pierre Gaillard, Mr. Roger Vust and Dr Jean-Louis de Chastonay, this delegation, the ninth since 1955, has just returned to Geneva after having visited 51 places of detention of various categories, including hospitals in which the detained and interned are treated. Sixteen of these visits were made to places in which European activists were detained or interned as a result of the recent events.

As usual, the delegates of the ICRC were everywhere able to speak with detainees of their own choosing or with the representatives appointed by the detainees.

On December 15, the head of the mission verbally submitted his principal observations and suggestions to Mr. Jean Morin, Delegate General of the Government in Algeria, and to General Ailleret, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces. The written report on these visits will be presented to the French Government as soon as possible.

Since it was anxious, however, also to bring its aid to French prisoners held by the " Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic ", the ICRC had, prior to its mission in Algeria, despatched a delegation to Tunis from November 21 to 23, 1961.

The object of this mission, which consisted of Miss Marguerite van Berchem, a member of the Committee and Mr. Pierre Gaillard, delegate, was to examine with the members of the GPRA the problem raised by the application of the Geneva Conventions to French civilians and military personnel presumed to be held by the " Algerian National Army of Liberation " .

The representatives of the ICRC met various Algerian personalities, notably Youssef Ben Khedda' and Belkacem Krim, who promised to forward the names of five French prisoners to the ICRC.

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