

## Death of Mr. Paul Carry, ICRC honorary member

Mr. Paul Carry, who was an honorary member of the International Committee of the Red Cross, died in Geneva on 30 March, after a short illness.

Paul Carry was born in Rome in 1892 and graduated from the Faculty of Law at Geneva University in 1913. He took a doctorate in law in 1926. He then practised as a barrister, lectured in law and later was appointed professor of commercial law at Geneva University and Dean of the Faculty of Law. He was the author of a number of books on law and of numerous articles in legal journals. Several universities, in Switzerland and abroad, conferred honorary doctorates upon him.

He was for many years a member of Geneva's *Grand Conseil* and of its Municipal Council. From 1942 to 1944, he was President of the Supreme Court (*Cour de Cassation*). He was also a member and later President of the Swiss Army Military High Court (*Tribunal militaire de Cassation*) with the rank of colonel. He exercised at various times the functions of judge ad hoc at the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

Mr. Carry was invited to become a member of the International Committee of the Red Cross on 23 December 1946. He contributed to the ICRC's legal work and to the development of international humanitarian law. He was an active participant, as one of the ICRC's delegates, in the work of the Seventeenth International Red Cross Conference (Stockholm, 1948) and of the Diplomatic Conference, held in Geneva from April to August 1949, which drafted the 1949 Geneva Conventions for the protection of war victims. He played a significant part in the ICRC's work at the time of the negotiations relating to the application of article 16 of the Peace Treaty with Japan, in connection with which he carried out several missions in various countries.

In 1959, Mr. Carry did not seek re-election to the International Committee of the Red Cross, as his state of health and professional activities no longer allowed him to work with the ICRC as closely as he

had done in the past. The International Committee bowed before this decision and, in recognition of his services to the Red Cross, nominated him at its session of 8 January 1959 an honorary member, in which capacity he was frequently consulted, his opinion being accepted as authoritative.

It was with deep regret that the International Committee learnt of Mr. Paul Carry's death and it presents to his family its sincere condolences.

### **Swedish Red Cross distinction to Mr. R. Gallopin**

Mr. Roger Gallopin, former President of the ICRC Executive Board, has received the Swedish Red Cross Gold Royal Medal, the highest award conferred by that Society.

In his letter to Mr. Gallopin announcing the award, the President of the Swedish Red Cross, Mr. Matts Bergom Larsson, wrote: "Your personality and your position have given you an outstanding influence on our movement for many years and in several fields of Red Cross activity. . . . Our highest award, which is here given to you in grateful memory of your outstanding contributions to humanitarian work and a token of our hopes for your continued participation in the leadership of the Red Cross movement".