

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

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## **Visits by ICRC President**

From 29 September to 2 October, Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC, went to Athens at the invitation of the Hellenic Red Cross, to attend its centenary celebrations. Mr. Hay was accompanied by Mr. M. Borsinger, ICRC delegate general for Europe.

The ICRC President during his stay in Athens had talks with Mr. Averof, Minister of National Defence, Mr. Stephanopoulos, Minister of Social Affairs, and Mr. Stavropoulos, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

On his way back from Greece, Mr. Hay stopped in Vienna on 2 and 3 October, for talks with the Austrian authorities, and was received by the President of the Republic, Mr. Kirchschräger, the Minister of Health, Dr. Leodolter, and the Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Reitbauer.

He also has conversations with leaders of the National Red Cross Society, Dr. H. Treichl, President, Dr. H. Kersting, Vice-President, and Mr. H. Polster, Secretary General.

## **Bahamas Red Cross at the ICRC**

The President of the Bahamas Red Cross, Mrs. R. B. Eldon, and Mrs. L. V. Tynes, the National Society's Director General, were in Geneva from 4 to 6 October on a visit to the ICRC and the League of Red Cross Societies.

At the ICRC, they were received by the Executive Board and had talks with Mr. A. Hay, President of the ICRC, and Mr. S. Nessi, ICRC delegate general for Latin America. Later, they were taken round the Central Tracing Agency by its deputy director, Mr. N. Vecsey, and were shown two films on ICRC activities.

The representatives of this newly recognized National Society were able in this way to get acquainted with the ICRC, its staff and its work.