

*IN GENEVA***Tokens of Gratitude**

Mr. Harry Carl Angst has recently given up his duties as honorary ICRC delegate to Japan, a position in which he had served since 1948, following his appointment as a delegate in 1943. As honorary delegate, he carried out numerous missions on behalf of prisoners of war in Japan, China, Manchuria and Okinawa and of stateless persons detained in Japan. He took part in the repatriation of Koreans from Japan to North Korea, from 1959 to 1968. In all these tasks, he displayed great qualities of intelligence, courage and devotion, for which the ICRC expressed its gratitude in conferring upon him its silver medal, in a presentation on 5 December 1974.

Both the President of the ICRC and the President of the Executive Board spoke of the activities of Mr. Angst, who in turn thanked the International Committee for its gesture and reaffirmed his dedication to the ideals and to the work of the Red Cross.

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A ceremony took place at the headquarters of the ICRC on 18 December in which the International Committee expressed its appreciation to staff members who had served for 30 or more years. On this occasion, it inaugurated a new custom, by conferring its silver medal upon these devoted employees.

Mr. Eric Martin, President of the ICRC, made the presentation to each of the twenty-one staff members thus honoured and expressed to them the gratitude of the International Committee.

“This is a time to pay tribute to fidelity,” he said. “The ICRC, well known for its discretion, does not have a cult of personalities, it does not shout from the rooftops about the loyalty of its workers and it does not maintain an honour roll. In taking part in our collective effort, you have

given much of yourselves and it is appropriate, in granting you this medal, for the ICRC to express to all of you its feelings of gratitude and complete satisfaction.”

On behalf of his co-workers, one of the recipients of the medal replied, referring to the nobility of the humanitarian commitment required of all ICRC workers, in the small as well as the great tasks, and to the privilege enjoyed by those who brought assistance to victims, whether in the course of missions in various countries or in carrying out less well known but equally vital responsibilities.

An ICRC Delegate-General Leaves his Post

Mr. Jean C. Ott, delegate-general for Asia and Oceania, asked to be relieved of his duties as of 31 December 1974.

The International Committee accepted Mr. Ott's resignation with great regret, conscious of the fact that it was losing a co-worker of outstanding qualities.

Mr. Ott had carried out the tasks entrusted to him with distinction as well as competence. First a delegate and subsequently head of delegation in several countries, he was named delegate-general for Asia and Oceania in 1970. He carried out numerous missions in Asia and took on great responsibilities in Geneva in the Department of Operations. On the occasion of its general assembly on 19 December, the ICRC expressed its profound gratitude to Mr. Ott.

New Publication in Arabic

The ICRC announces the publication of a new work in Arabic, "Course of Five Lesson on the Geneva Conventions" by Henri Coursier, translated by the Saudi Arabian Red Crescent Society and priced at 10 Swiss francs. In order to disseminate broader understanding throughout the Arab world of the humanitarian principles and activities of the Red Cross movement, the ICRC Documentation and Dissemination Division, in cooperation with the various Red Crescent Societies, has published some 15 works in Arabic.
