

*IN GENEVA***Appointment of two honorary members of the ICRC**

In the course of its Assembly on 19 December 1974, the ICRC noted the resignation of Mr. Max Petitpierre on reaching the age limit.

Mr. Petitpierre assumed his functions as a member of the International Committee in December 1961. From that time on, he co-operated unfailingly and intimately in the work of the institution, which benefited from his vast knowledge and far-reaching experience with Red Cross problems and international humanitarian law. It was he who presided over the 1949 Diplomatic Conference which adopted the four Geneva Conventions. Having exercised the highest functions in his country's government, he rendered the ICRC services which, with his authority and constant devotion, his knowledge of beings and things, his wisdom and prudence, proved particularly useful in the humanitarian task of the organization under various circumstances.

For many years he was a member of the Presidential Council. He carried out difficult missions for the ICRC, particularly at the time of the conflict in Nigeria. In the proceedings of various commissions which met to consider organizational problems within the ICRC, his advice was invaluable.

The International Committee is very grateful to him. At the Assembly on 15 January 1975, it paid a tribute to him and appointed him an honorary member. It particularly welcomes the fact that it can continue to count on his presence and support.

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Mr. Adolphe Graedel, who was appointed a member of the International Committee in April 1965, brought the institution his profound knowledge of social reality and his great experience in a rapidly changing world. The Red Cross benefited from those qualities from the time of his appointment, and his advice was extremely valuable. He took an active part in the work of the International Committee.

He asked that his term of office should not be renewed at the end of 1974, which the ICRC deeply regretted since it would be deprived of Mr. Graedel's wise counsel and co-operation. At the Assembly on 15 January 1975, the International Committee appointed him an honorary member, and Mr. Eric Martin expressed the profound gratitude of the institution of which he is President.

New Members of the International Committee

At its Assembly on 16 January 1975, the International Committee of the Red Cross appointed three new members, Mr. Jakob Burckhardt, Mr. Thomas Fleiner and Mr. Alexandre Hay.

Mr. Jakob Burckhardt, who was born in Basle in 1913, read law at the universities of Basle and Munich. As Doctor of Laws he entered the service of the Federal Political Department in 1940 and was stationed in different countries. In 1958 he was appointed the Federal Council's delegate for questions relating to atomic energy and president of the Federal Commission on Atomic Energy. Three years later he became head of the Division of International Organizations in the Federal Political Department, with the title of minister plenipotentiary, and since 1966 he has been chairman of the Council of Federal Polytechnic Schools.

Mr. Thomas Fleiner was born at Kilchberg (Zurich) in 1938. He read law in Zurich and, after a period of training in Paris, took his LL.D. degree in 1965. In the United States he pursued his studies at the Yale Law School and in 1968 obtained the title of Master of Laws. The following year he became assistant professor at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) and in 1971 was appointed to his present post of ordinary professor at the Law Faculty of that university. He has written several monographs and a number of studies which have appeared in various reviews.