

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.

Mr. Alexandre Hay was born in 1919 and received his primary, secondary and higher education in Geneva. In 1961 he obtained his degree in law, and three years later his lawyer's certificate. He entered the service of the Federal Political Department in 1945 and successively held various posts: at the Swiss Legation in Paris, on the directorate of the European Payments Union, in the Swiss National Bank, where he was appointed director of the division responsible for international affairs, in 1954, and director at Berne the following year. He was appointed director-general of the Swiss National Bank as from 1966. Moreover, he carries out important functions in international monetary bodies.

The International Committee is happy to be able to count on the co-operation of Mr. Burckhardt, Mr. Fleiner and Mr. Hay in future. With their vast experience in legal and practical spheres, and far-reaching knowledge of the problems of the world of today, these three new members upon whom the ICRC has called will render invaluable aid in the humanitarian work which is being conducted under the emblem of the Red Cross.

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General Stroessner, President  
of Paraguay, meets ICRC President  
Mr. Eric Martin (*left*).



Opening meeting

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**Chile:** Chilean Red Cross distributing powdered milk to needy families in Santiago, with ICRC delegates in attendance.



**Geneva:** Ambulance donated by the ICRC to the Angolan Red Cross.

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