

*IN GENEVA***The King and Queen of Belgium at the ICRC**

On the occasion of their visit to the Belgian community in Geneva, Their Majesties the King and Queen of Belgium called on 6 June 1974 at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola were greeted on their arrival by ICRC President Mr. Eric Martin, the President of the Executive Board, Mr. Roger Gallopin, accompanied by Mrs. Gallopin, Mr. Max Petitpierre, member of the ICRC and former President of the Swiss Federal Council, by several members of the ICRC Assembly, Executive Board and Directorate, and by Mr. Henrik Beer, Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies.

In his address of welcome, President Martin spoke of the ICRC's ties with Belgium and its National Red Cross Society which is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year. He mentioned how important the National Society's work had been for the relief of civilian and military victims of the First and Second World Wars ¹.

After signing the VIP's book, the Belgian King and Queen were shown various documents in the Belgian section of the Central Tracing Agency.

Guests of the ICRC

On 8 June, 180 members of the *Association française des anciennes déportées et internées de la Résistance* called to thank the ICRC and its delegates for the aid they had been rendered on their release from the Ravensbrück camp.

They were received by Dr. Eric Martin and several officers of the ICRC, and Dr. Martin spoke to them about the work done at the end of World War Two by the ICRC, of which he is President.

¹ *Plate.*

Madame Geneviève Anthonioz-de Gaulle, President of the Association, in turn spoke about the moral and material relief provided for the deported women in the tragic circumstances of that time. The Association members then visited the Central Tracing Agency. There each was moved to find an index card made out in her own name as well as information about absent or missing fellow-detainees¹.

A new ICRC film

The theme underlying the new film *Humanity First*, produced by the ICRC, is why and how the fundamental principles of humanity, incorporated in the Geneva Conventions, should be taught. These basic rules should be made known more extensively among school children, university students and members of the armed forces.

This 16 mm. sound film in colour, lasting 16 minutes, was shot in Geneva, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, with the co-operation of the National Societies and armed forces of the following countries: Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mali, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand and Upper Volta. Versions in English and French are available.

This new production and the earlier film *Pax*, also produced by the ICRC and reviewed in our December 1973 issue, form a whole. The two films complement each other; *Humanity First* shows how and why the principles underlying the Geneva Conventions should be taught, while *Pax* illustrates some of the basic rules of those humanitarian Conventions.

The new film is a welcome addition to the audio-visual material that is being prepared with the aim of spreading wider still the work of dissemination called for by Resolution XII of the XXIIInd International Conference of the Red Cross. The ICRC trusts that it will be warmly received by National Societies.

¹ *Plate.*