

*IN GENEVA***Resignation of an ICRC member**

Miss Marjorie Duvillard, whose term of office as a member of the ICRC ended in December 1973, declined re-election as a member or honorary member owing to her heavy professional activities. At its meeting on 17 January 1974, the International Committee noted Miss Duvillard's decision with regret and expressed its warm gratitude for the notable services she had rendered the Red Cross.

Since her appointment as a member of the ICRC in 1961, Miss Marjorie Duvillard constantly participated in the institution's activities, both in Geneva and on various missions, particularly to South America. Her vast knowledge of nursing and medical personnel training proved valuable. For several years she was a member of the Presidential Council. She presided over the Florence Nightingale Commission responsible for the selection of those awarded the Medal and the Medico-Social Commission which works for the ICRC staff.

New members of the ICRC

There have been three new appointments to the International Committee of the Red Cross. On 6 December 1973, the Assembly of the ICRC elected Mr. Hans Peter Tschudi a member of the ICRC, and on 17 January 1974 Mr. Henry Huguenin and Mr. Gottfried de Smit.

Mr. Hans Peter Tschudi was born at Basle in 1913. He studied in Basle, took a doctor's degree in law, was appointed professor at the University of Basle in 1952, and taught labour and social insurance law. A year later he became head of the Department of the Interior in the Government of Basle. In 1956 he was appointed State Counsellor and in 1959 was elected a member of the Swiss Federal Council. He twice held the office of President of the Swiss

Confederation. Mr Tschudi relinquished his high functions at the end of last year. He is the author of various publications.

Mr. Henry Huguenin of Collonge-Bellerive (Geneva) was born at Lucerne in 1918, completed his studies there and trained in banking in Zurich, London, New York and Buenos Aires. He held high posts for more than twenty years in a large banking firm in Geneva, and later in Zurich.

At the request of the ICRC, he carried out two missions in the Middle East: to Jerusalem, in 1969, as head of the ICRC sub-delegation for the West Bank area in Jordan, and to Amman, in 1970, as co-ordinator in the joint relief action pursued in Jordan by the ICRC, the League and some National Red Cross Societies.

Mr. Gottfried de Smit has already taken an active part in ICRC work. In its August 1973 issue, the *International Review* described Mr. de Smit's studies and activities, and mentioned the fact that he had in 1969 headed the International Committee's mission to Lagos, Nigeria.

Last year, the ICRC Executive Board secured the services of Mr. de Smit. His functions include the study of the institution's reorganization problems and working methods.

The International Committee welcomes the co-operation of these three men, whose advice will be most useful and who are willingly placing their extensive knowledge in various fields at the service of the Red Cross.

ICRC Secretary-General resigns

Mr. Jean-Louis Fort, Secretary-General, left the International Committee at the end of last year. During the four years which he devoted to the institution, Mr. Le Fort rendered outstanding service, contributing to the improvement of management methods and the quest for new financial resources. He also played a major role in the field of co-operation between the ICRC and the League, particularly in the pooling of Red Cross resources for large-scale international relief operations.

The International Committee wishes to pay tribute to Mr. Le Fort's proficiency and the dedication with which he discharged his task.
