

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.
