

*IN GENEVA***Staff changes in the Operations Department**

On 27 December 1971, Mr. Raymond Courvoisier requested the International Committee of the Red Cross to relieve him of his responsibilities as Director of Operations in order to resume his functions as Special Assistant to the President, for which he had been engaged.

The ICRC, at its meeting on 13 January 1972, agreed to this request, but asked Mr. Courvoisier to continue as Director of Operations for several months.

As from 1 May 1972, the position of Director of Operations will be assumed ad interim by Mr. Jean-Pierre Maunoir, Assistant Director.

The International Committee expresses its gratitude to Mr. Courvoisier for his administration of the Operations Department over the last three years, under conditions which were sometimes very difficult, with unremitting dedication and unsparing in his efforts. It is pleased to be able to count on Mr. Courvoisier's valuable collaboration as Special Assistant to the President.

A New ICRC Film

"The First Steps" is the title of a new 16 mm colour film which the Press and Information Division of the ICRC has just produced on the work it has been carrying out for several months in Bangladesh with the co-operation of several National Societies. Filmed last January in Dacca, Chittagong, Mirzapur, Comilla and other places, it lasts for 28 minutes, and English, French, German, Spanish and Italian versions may be ordered from the ICRC.

The film shows the unremitting work undertaken under the sign of the Red Cross in a country which has suffered the horror of war and in which hardship still prevails and must be remedied. ICRC delegates and the members of National Society socio-medical teams are seen providing relief and assistance to Bengalis who have returned to their homeland after being refugees in camps in India, and also to other sections of the civilian population. Other representatives of the ICRC are shown visiting prisoners of war and destitute civilians, ensuring the fullest possible application of the Geneva Conventions. The full significance of the Red Cross emerges from the work of those who visit, assist and comfort, as shown in this moving documentary.
