

## **A new ICRC member**

Since 1 January 1985 the International Committee of the Red Cross has a new member: Mr. Odilo Guntern, born in 1937, a citizen of Brig in the canton of Valais.

After having studied law at the universities of Fribourg, Bern and Milan, Mr. Guntern obtained his bachelor degree in 1961 and his doctorate in 1968. He has been head of his own law and notary office in Brig since 1964.

Mr. Guntern has also been involved in public life. First of all he was a city councillor in his native city of Brig from 1964 to 1975 and then a member of the Valais Grand Conseil (canton parliament) from 1969 to 1975.

In 1975 his canton elected him to the Council of States (the Upper Chamber of the Swiss Federal Parliament) in Bern. He was chairman of this Council's Commission of Foreign Affairs and a member of the Commission of External Trade and Communications. He sat on the Council of States until 1983.

From 1979 to 1984 he was also a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg; he was vice-president of this assembly in 1982.

In addition Mr. Guntern has been involved with various relief agencies: he is a member of the Commission and of the Solidarity Fund for Swiss People Abroad; he is president of the Lent Action Council and a member of the Central Committee for the Swiss National Day Charitable Collection. He is also president of the nursing school attached to the Ste-Marie de Visp Hospital.

The ICRC is pleased with the appointment of Mr. Odilo Guntern. His dynamic personality will make a valuable contribution to our organization.

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## **Death of Miss Lucie Odier**

On 6 December the ICRC was grieved to lose one of its longest-serving members, Miss Lucie Odier, in her 99th year.

Born in Geneva, Miss Odier obtained her nursing diploma in 1914; she thereafter unceasingly did credit to her profession, par-