

## **Death of Mr. François de Reynold**

It was with great sorrow that the ICRC heard of the demise on 11 December 1984, at age 81, of Mr. François de Reynold, former ICRC Head of Protocol.

Mr. de Reynold, a law graduate of Fribourg University, joined the Italian Service of the Central Agency for Prisoners of War on 1 April 1943. In January 1945, he was transferred to the ICRC Liaison Service which later became the Liaison and Protocol Service.

As Head of the service—which extensively developed its activities under his leadership—Mr. de Reynold was instrumental in establishing contacts with the European Office of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations which had just been founded and were in the process of settling in Geneva. He represented the ICRC at many international conferences and in 1962, he went to West Africa to visit several National Societies in the process of formation.

Mr. de Reynold was a kindly and courteous man, extremely well-introduced in international circles. He placed his outstanding ability to establish contact at all levels in the service of the ICRC and gradually set up a whole network of connections which were invaluable to the ICRC for its humanitarian activities. The Committee will always be greatly indebted to Mr. de Reynold for his faithful services.

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