

Italy

President Hay went on mission to Rome on 5 and 6 December 1985 accompanied by Mr. Nessi, head of the ICRC Financing Division, and Mr. P. Küng, delegate-general for Europe and North America. He was received by President Cossiga, and Mr. Andreotti, Minister for Foreign Affairs, both of whom displayed great interest in the activities of the ICRC. Discussions were also held with Mrs. Agnelli, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Salleo, Director-General of the Department for Development Cooperation within the same Ministry, and with the directors of the Italian Red Cross, including Mrs. Fanfani, Dr. Ugo Tavernini, Special Commissioner, and Professor Renato Pons, Director General. Various other leading figures, including the Minister for Health and the President of the Senate, met President Hay during a dinner offered by Mrs. Fanfani. Finally a meeting took place with Italy's representatives at the Council of Europe.

Mission to Spain by a member of the ICRC

Accepting an invitation by the Presidents of the Senate and the Congress of Spanish Members of Parliament, Dr. Athos Gallino, a staff member of the ICRC, went to Spain between 3 and 5 December 1985. This mission had a two-fold aim: one to bring about an increased awareness of the ICRC and the other to meet Mr Leocadio Marín, the new President of the Spanish Red Cross.

Two information meetings about the ICRC and its work took place: one in the Senate and the other in Congress. The participants displayed a keen interest and asked numerous questions.

ICRC delegate killed in Angola

The ICRC learned with great sorrow of the death of Mr. Marc Blaser, a radio operator in Angola, on 16 December 1985.

Twenty-one years old and single, Marc Blaser went to Angola in October 1985 on his first mission for the ICRC. In the evening of