

International Red Cross Conference, held in Stockholm in 1948, and at all the others which followed, where he was always appreciated and respected.

A charismatic leader, an organizer and a diplomat, this warm-hearted man was one of the most effective exponents of the ICRC's humanitarian work, setting it with so much discernment on its new courses of action in the modern world.

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Assembly of the ICRC: Appointments and departures

The Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross has welcomed three new members: Mrs. Renée Guisan, Mr. Daniel Frei and Mr. Alain Rossier, while taking leave of four active members: Mr. Olivier Long and Mr. Victor Umbricht (both of whom have retired for reasons of age), Mrs. Marion Bovée-Rothenbach and Mr. Gilbert Etienne.

The Assembly also granted leave of absence to Mr. Peter Arbenz in view of his new duties as the Swiss Government's delegate on refugee matters.

Mrs. Renée Guisan was born in 1933 and is a citizen of the canton of Vaud, where she received her entire education. After graduating from the Fine Arts School in Lausanne, she worked in graphic arts before going to the United States, where she lived for four years and did volunteer public health and social welfare work. From 1971 onwards, on her return to Switzerland, she became very actively engaged in activities on behalf of the elderly, in particular with the Pro Senectute Foundation. Her commitment to social work deepened with her participation in organizations such as the volunteer services association of the canton of Vaud, Pro Juventute, and, since 1977, the *Institut de la Vie* which appointed her as its international General Secretary.

Mr. Daniel Frei was born in 1940 in St Gallen. After obtaining a doctorate in history from Zurich University at the age of 24, he pursued his studies in England, at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and in Geneva, at the Graduate Institute of

International Studies, from which he graduated in 1967. In 1971, he was appointed Professor of Political Science at Zurich University. Mr. Frei is head of the Swiss Institute for International Research. In addition, he is closely associated with the work of the United Nations Institute for Teaching and Research (UNITAR), the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), and the Club of Rome, of which he is a member. He is the author of numerous publications, in particular on East-West relations, neutrality, international co-operation and disarmament.

Mr. Alain B. Rossier was born in Lausanne in 1930. He obtained his doctorate in medicine in 1958 from Lausanne University and became a lecturer at Geneva University in 1970. He worked in many hospitals in Switzerland, France and the United States. He is a specialist in spinal cord injuries and taught this subject at Harvard University. Professor Rossier is the author of numerous publications, in particular on traumatic injuries and the rehabilitation of paraplegics. He is a member of many medical societies and President of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia.

To the four departing members the Assembly has conveyed its profound gratitude for the services they have rendered to the ICRC and the Red Cross as a whole.

The ICRC is most pleased to announce the appointment of its new members and to have enlisted their valuable services.

The Director of Operational Activities at the ICRC elected United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Elected United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Jean-Pierre Hocké resigned on 1 January 1986 as Member of the Directorate and Director of Operational Activities at the ICRC. After his departure, the ICRC Assembly modified the international structure of the Directorate, which is now composed of Mr. Jacques Moreillon, Member of the Directorate, Director General, and Mr. André Pasquier, Member of the Directorate, Director of Operations.