

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.

In the following text Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC, pays tribute to Mr. Hocké's qualities and forceful personality.

We are at once sorry and happy that Jean-Pierre Hocké has been appointed to the post of High Commissioner for Refugees.

We are sorry because J.-P. Hocké filled an important Directorate position at the ICRC with great competence and enthusiasm, and we deeply regret the fact that he is leaving our institution.

We are happy to know that he has been appointed to a fitting post, for which his experience has thoroughly prepared him and in which he can develop his capacities to the full.

He entered the ICRC in 1968 at the time of the Biafran conflict to head the ICRC delegation in Lagos and he rapidly achieved promotion. Initially assistant to the Head of Operations from October 1968 to March 1969, he was then Head of Delegation in Beirut between June 1970 and January 1971. From February to June 1971 he was seconded to the Director of Operations before being appointed Head of Operations for a special mission to Viet Nam up to September 1971. He was Delegate General for the Middle East in 1972. In 1973, he was appointed Director of Operations and in 1982 he was made one of the three members of the collegial Directorate.

When I was appointed President of the ICRC in 1976, I found a young thirty-eight-year-old director full of dynamism and drive, responsible for ICRC operations in the field. At that time, we were working in the Territories occupied by Israel, in Lebanon, Rhodesia-Zimbabwe, South Africa, Angola and Viet Nam. Then there was the Cambodia/Thailand operation in 1979—the biggest since Biafra.

The number of conflicts and internal troubles has not ceased to increase in recent years and, at the same time, the burden of responsibility borne by the Director of Operations has become constantly heavier.

An excellent analyst of political situations, effective in action, firm in negotiations when necessary, he has the charisma essential in a leader. It is not surprising that J.-P. Hocké's strong personality did not pass unnoticed by those who were seeking a candidate to succeed Mr. Poul Hartling as head of the UNHCR.

On behalf of the Committee, I should like to express my deep appreciation to Mr. Hocké for the tremendous task he performed at the ICRC for the victims of so many conflicts of all kinds throughout the world. I wish him every success in his new activities in the service of refugees, who are also victims of tragic events of our times.

Alexandre Hay