

Princess Margriet, member of the Committee, Mr. Van der Weel, Chairman, Dr. Herrema, General Director, and Mr. Tjittes, Head of International Affairs. They talked, *inter alia*, about the situation in Suriname and the ICRC's potential activities in that country.

At government level, the President of the ICRC met Mr. Bukman, Minister for Development Aid and Co-operation, Mr. Hoekmann, Director General of Development Aid Services, and Mr. Ringolda, Director of the Division for International Organizations. Among the topics discussed were the financing of the ICRC's regular and special budgets, and the ICRC's objectives for 1987.

From 15 to 17 December 1986, Mr. Hay, accompanied by Mr. Serge Nessi, Head of the Financing Division, and Mrs. Sylvie Junod, regional delegate in Buenos Aires, went to *Brazil* to discuss with the Brazilian authorities and the Head of State the ICRC's financing and operational activities and the Additional Protocols.

On 17 December, the ICRC President had a meeting with Mr. José Sarney, President of the Republic. Others present included the Brazilian President's adviser on Foreign Affairs, Mr. Rubens Ricupero, and Mrs. Mavy Harmon, President of the Brazilian Red Cross.

After thanking Brazil for supporting the OAS resolution, Mr. Hay talked about the ICRC's current operations throughout the world, in particular in Central America. He later had a meeting with Mr. Rubens Barbosa, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of multilateral and special political matters.

The President of the ICRC and Mrs. Harmon also attended the concert given on 16 December in Rio de Janeiro by the World Philharmonic Orchestra (WPO) in aid of the Red Cross.

Appointment of two new honorary members

At its session of 21 January 1987, the ICRC Assembly took leave of two of its members: Dr. Jacques de Rougemont, who is withdrawing for health reasons, and Mr. Henry Huguenin, who did not wish to renew his mandate. The Assembly expressed its grati-

tude to them both for the eminent services they had rendered to the Red Cross and made them honorary members.

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Dr. Jacques de Rougemont was born in Neuchâtel in 1918 and became a doctor in Geneva; he was appointed a member of the ICRC in 1967, and has always shown great dedication and competence in his work for the ICRC. The institution first called upon him in 1960 to carry out a mission to assist political detainees in Greece. The following year he was asked to take part in the assistance to Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments carried out in Nazi concentration camps, visiting Poland seven times.

Since his appointment to the Committee, Dr. de Rougemont has been a member of several commissions and working groups, in particular the Committee of the Florence Nightingale Medal, the Medical Commission, the Medico-Social Commission and the Working Group on Relations with National Societies. Dr. de Rougemont's wide knowledge of medical matters and extensive experience of the Red Cross have proved invaluable. Dr. de Rougemont has also chaired the Recruitment Commission and was a member of the Presidential Council from 1968 to 1971.

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Mr. Henry Huguenin, of Collonge-Bellerive (Geneva), born in Lucerne in 1918, has held prominent posts successively in a large banking establishment in Geneva, in Zurich, and in one of the major Genevese banks.

The ICRC called upon him to undertake two missions to the Middle East, first as head of delegation in Jerusalem in 1969, and then in 1970 as co-ordinator in Amman for the joint ICRC/League relief operation in Jordan.

Mr. Huguenin was appointed a member of the ICRC on 17 January 1974. He has taken an active part in several Committees and Working Groups of the ICRC, particularly the Financing and Management Commission and the Principles and General Policy Commission, where his contributions were highly appreciated.

Mr. Huguenin has also been on missions to Japan and Yugoslavia in recent years.