

Mr. Gallopin retires from Directorate

It was with keen regret that the International Committee took note of Mr. Roger Gallopin's request to be relieved at the end of 1969 of his directorship, an office which he has discharged for many years with a competence equal to his dedication.

Mr. Gallopin joined the ICRC in 1937 as a member of the Secretariat. From the outset of the Second World War he held important posts which required him to assume heavy responsibility for ICRC action, as related in the *International Review* in January 1968 when he was elected to membership of the ICRC. His responsibilities were particularly important from 1966 onwards when he was appointed, with Mr. J. Pictet, Director-General of the institution.

However, these functions were extremely absorbing and a great strain, and Mr. Gallopin expressed the reasonable wish to be able to devote himself henceforth to other personal activities. The International Committee complied with his request and conveyed to Mr. Gallopin its gratitude for the signal service he has rendered throughout his long co-operation in the work of the Red Cross.

Mr. Gallopin nevertheless will continue to be a member of the International Committee and as such to carry out certain missions.

ICRC Reorganization

Two Directors-General have so far assumed responsibility, one for the executive and the other for general affairs. As announced on the preceding page, Mr. Gallopin was relieved of his office at the end of 1969. Moreover, Mr. Jean Pictet, for his part, also desired to be relieved of his administrative functions.

A reorganization therefore had to be undertaken in the ICRC. It became effective on 1st January 1970. It involves important appointments and re-assignments adapted to the new and more flexible distribution of responsibilities for planning, co-ordination and execution.

Mr. Jean Pictet is appointed Chairman of the Legal Commission. He is still responsible for work related to the development of