

humanitarian law and to the principles of the Red Cross. He will continue to be assisted by Mr. Claude Pilloud, Director.

Mr. Jean-Louis Le Fort will be the incumbent of the newly created office of Secretary-General. He was born in 1917 in Geneva, where he was educated, and after obtaining his lawyer's certificate he successively became Secretary to the *Association suisse des banquiers* (Basle), First Secretary to the *Groupement des holdings industriels* (Bern), Member of the General Secretariat of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation (Paris), and, from 1958, Secretary-General of the Battelle Institute Research Centre in Geneva.

Mr. Raymond Courvoisier, whom we presented to our readers last September and who is the ICRC President's Personal Assistant, will assume on 1 January 1970 the *ad interim* overall direction of operations.

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The International Committee's mission will be undertaken by several departments: Legal, International Law Promotion and Development, Planning, Relief Supplies Procurement, Transport and Distribution, Field Delegation Servicing, Central Tracing Agency, International Tracing Service (Arolsen, Germany), Personnel, Administration and Finance, and Information and Press.

In addition, five regional operations divisions will be under a head of operations and each will be concerned with geographic areas where the ICRC is in action: Africa, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Middle East.

Guests of the ICRC

Princess Gina de Liechtenstein, President of her country's National Society, accompanied by her son Prince Niklaus and her father Count de Wilczek, honoured the International Committee with a visit on 2 December 1969. She was received by the institution's President, Mr. Marcel A. Naville, together with Mr. Pictet, Member of the ICRC and one of the senior officials.

After hearing a brief history of ICRC activities, these honoured guests visited the Central Tracing Agency and then saw two films, one on the Red Cross in the Yemen and the other on the Red Cross in Nigeria.

The following day the Princess and her son went to the headquarters of the League of Red Cross Societies where they were received, in the absence of the Secretary-General, Mr. Beer, by Mr. Dabney, Assistant Secretary-General, and by several senior officials who explained to them the institution's various departments.
