

*IN GENEVA***For Victims of pseudo-medical experiments**

Following a mission carried out in December 1969 by Dr. J.-F. de Rougemont, accompanied by Mr. J.-P. Maunoir, assistant director and Miss L. Simonius, delegate, in the clinics of the Warsaw and Gdansk Academies of Medicine and at the headquarters of the Polish Red Cross in the capital, new compensation claims for Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War were laid before the Neutral Arbitration Commission.

The task of this Commission, set up by the ICRC, is to make a definitive assessment of each claim. It consists of a chairman, Mr. William Lenoir, judge of the Geneva Court of Justice, Dr. Sylvain Mutrux, assistant medical director at the Geneva University Psychiatric Clinic of Bel-Air and Dr. Pierre Magnenat, Faculty lecturer and assistant physician at the University Clinic of the Nestlé Hospital of Lausanne.

On 18 and 19 December, the Neutral Arbitration Commission met at the headquarters of the ICRC in Geneva, together with the rapporteur, Dr. de Rougemont, observers from the Polish Red Cross, Miss Danuta Zys, head of public relations of the National Society, Dr. Jerzy Nowkunski and Dr. Mieczyslaw Lao and a German observer, Dr. E. Götz, representing the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Of the 82 cases studied by the Neutral Commission, 73 were accepted, 6 rejected and 3 deferred, further inquiries having been requested.

The total compensation to be paid for the 73 claims accepted amounts to DM 2,050,000,— which will be paid to the victims by the Federal Republic of Germany. This brings the total compensa-

tion allocated to date to Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments by the Neutral Commission to DM 21,435,000.—.

Guests of the ICRC

On 13 April 1970, the International Committee received at its headquarters the authorities of the canton and city of Geneva.

In the course of their visit the ICRC's guests heard reviews by Mr. Marcel-A. Naville, and members of the directorate, on the organization of the ICRC and its activities throughout the world. They also visited the Central Tracing Agency and the ICRC's radio station and recording studio.

Re-publication of the 1949 Geneva Conventions

The International Committee of the Red Cross proposes to produce a new edition of the Geneva Conventions in English. Its Information Service asks all National Societies which might be interested in obtaining these texts to inform it of the number of copies to which they might wish to subscribe, not later than the end of June 1970.

The volume costs 9 Swiss francs and orders for more than 10 copies will receive a 10% rebate.
