

Mr. JEAN PICTET HONOURED

The Torstein Dale Prize, founded by the Norwegian Red Cross in 1975 in memory of its former President, for persons who have made a conspicuous contribution to the humanitarian work and fundamental ideas of the Red Cross, was awarded to Mr. Jean Pictet, Vice-President of the ICRC and Director of the Henry Dunant Institute. The distinction, a bronze dove, was presented to Mr. Pictet by the Norwegian Red Cross President, Mr. Hans Hoegh, at a ceremony which took place last May in Oslo.

The ICRC is very much honoured by this distinction to one of its members.

DEATH OF Dr. ROLAND MARTI

Friends of the ICRC will be sad to learn that Dr. Roland Marti, former ICRC Chief Medical Officer, died in Geneva on 9 November.

Dr. Marti joined the ICRC in 1936 and devoted his whole career to helping suffering humanity. After the Spanish Civil War, during which he worked in extremely difficult conditions, he went to Germany, to head the ICRC delegation in Berlin. He was appointed head of the Medical Division in 1946 and later head of the Relief Division, and played an important role in all the major ICRC programmes of action after the Second World War, particularly in the Middle East and in Asia.

After an interval of 20 years during which he worked for UNICEF, he returned to the ICRC in 1970 and was appointed Medical Adviser and then Chief Medical Officer. This headquarters appointment did not prevent this kindly and modest man from continuing to be directly concerned with the victims of war, and until his retirement he never hesitated to undertake a mission as a field delegate. An untiring traveller, he was always ready, as long as his strength allowed, to visit and aid, on behalf of the ICRC, those whom he thought needed comfort or assistance.

The ICRC is immensely indebted to him for all his humanitarian work. It has expressed its condolences to Dr. Marti's family.
