

An ambulance donated to the ICRC

On the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, the Geneva International Motor Show has donated to the ICRC a heavy-duty ambulance specially equipped for difficult missions. It was delivered on 20 February to the President of the ICRC by Mr. François Peyrot, President of the Motor Show.

The ambulance was immediately sent to Pakistan, where the ICRC, the League and the Pakistan Red Crescent are giving emergency aid to Afghan refugees in remote mountain areas.

The ICRC is very grateful for this generous gift and demonstration of interest in its humanitarian activities.

Visitors to the ICRC in 1979

During the past year, over 6,000 persons visited the ICRC. Most of the visitors came in parties who had given advance notice of their desire to visit the ICRC and for whom a two-hour tour had been prepared. Visits included every time a talk, followed by a film or a multi-vision display, on the work of the ICRC and the Central Tracing Agency.

Swiss and French groups constituted the largest number, but there were quite a few, too, who came from Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States and Japan. Altogether, 174 groups visited the ICRC, organized by different National Red Cross Societies (34), nursing training colleges (44), other training institutions (13), schools (43), universities (12), and various other organizations (28). There were also many visitors who came individually.

The ICRC is happy to see that more and more people visit its headquarters and show interest in its activities. A cordial welcome is extended to them all, and every effort is made to organize for them an interesting visit and to spread knowledge of Red Cross principles and ideals by such direct contacts, however brief they might be.

The visitors, for their part, bring the ICRC considerable moral support, and it would like to see them come every year in ever-larger numbers.
