

While in Washington Mr. Hay also met senior members of the American Red Cross, including its President, Mr. G. M. Elsey, and its Chairman, Dr. J.H. Holland.

The ICRC President's discussions centred on three main points: the need for increased and sustained financial support for ICRC activities in the world, the spread of violence which constitutes a problem of growing concern, and the ICRC's wish for the United States to ratify the 1977 Protocols.

Inauguration of the International Red Cross Audio-Visual Centre

The International Red Cross Audio-Visual Centre in Geneva was officially inaugurated on 30 September.

A joint creation of the International Committee of the Red Cross and of the League of Red Cross Societies, the Centre produces and distributes a full range of audio-visual material on the history and activities of the Red Cross. Its services are available to all National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the media and the general public.

The opening of the Centre, located in the building of the League of Red Cross Societies, is an important step in the co-operation between the two international organizations which for the first time undertake the joint administration of a permanent service.