

Death of Mr. Guillaume Bordier

Mr. Guillaume Bordier, former vice-president and an honorary member of the ICRC, died on 9 July 1982.

Mr. Bordier was born in Geneva in 1901 and did his schooling there. He continued his studies at the Federal Polytechnicum in Zurich where he graduated in engineering. He then went on to study economics in the United States and received his "Master of Business Administration" degree from the University of Harvard in 1929. On his return to Geneva he joined the Banque Bordier et C^{ie} in an executive capacity and later became a partner in the bank. He was a member of the Swiss Bankers' Association and sat on the Board of Directors of a number of companies.

In January 1955, Mr. Bordier was elected a member of the ICRC, at a time when it had to cope with a growing burden of financial responsibilities owing to its increasing activities. The ICRC was anxious to gain the services of a businessman whose great talents and extensive knowledge of financial problems were widely recognized.

Mr. Bordier took an active part in the tasks of our organization: he was appointed several times to the President's Council and he acted for years as treasurer of the ICRC without wishing to be officially appointed to the post. He was chosen as vice-president of the ICRC for 1966 and 1967.

In 1963 he made an official visit to the American Red Cross and in 1967 he represented the ICRC in Moscow for the celebration of the centenary of the foundation of the Red Cross in Russia. That same year he was a member of the ICRC delegation to the Council of Delegates which met at The Hague. Mr. Bordier resigned from the ICRC in May 1973 and was appointed an honorary member.

Mr. Bordier's contribution to international humanitarian work was of great value and the ICRC wishes to pay tribute to the loyalty and the competence with which he assumed the responsibilities entrusted to him.
