

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

A new member of the ICRC

At its meeting on 20 January 1983, the ICRC Assembly elected a new member, Professor Hans Haug, who will assume his new function on 1 March 1983.

Mr. Hans Haug was born in St-Gall in 1921. He studied law at the Universities of Geneva and Zurich. In 1961 he became a part-time lecturer and in 1967 a full-time professor in international public law at the St-Gall School of Advanced Economic and Social Studies.

At the same time, Professor Hans Haug was very active in the Red Cross. In 1946, the year in which he obtained his doctorate in law, he started working for the Swiss Red Cross and in 1952 was appointed Secretary-General of this National Society; then, from 1968 to 1982 he was its president, and one of the vice-presidents of the League of Red Cross Societies, a post which automatically falls to the president of the Swiss Red Cross as laid down in the League Constitution. In addition, since 1971 he has been a member of the Council of the Henry Dunant Institute and from 1978 to 1980 he was president of the Council and the Assembly of this Institute.

The ICRC is happy to welcome Professor Hans Haug as one of its members and to benefit from his wide experience.

US Vice-President visits ICRC

The Vice-President of the United States of America, Mr. George Bush, visited on 4 February the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva. Welcomed by the ICRC President, Mr. Alexandre Hay, Mr. Bush and his entourage had a private meeting with President Hay and senior ICRC staff, in which they discussed a number of humanitarian issues.

The US Vice-President was accompanied by the US Ambassador to Switzerland, Mrs. Whittlesey, the US permanent Representative to the UN office in Geneva, Mr. Swaebe, as well as other officials.
