

This seminar was only a first step towards collaboration between the ICRC and the National Societies in tracing activities. It is expected to be followed by other international seminars of the same kind.

In response to the delegates' requests, a technical manual based upon the results of this seminar will be compiled shortly for the National Societies.

All National Societies will be sent a detailed account of the seminar's work.

First Egyptian seminar on humanitarian law

The first Egyptian seminar on international humanitarian law, organized by the Egyptian Society of International Law, the Egyptian Ministry of Defence and the ICRC, was held in Cairo from 20 to 24 November. The ICRC delegation at this seminar was headed by Mr. H. Huber, Vice-President of the ICRC, and included several representatives of the Principles and Law Department and the Information Department.

About thirty high-ranking Egyptian officers took part in this seminar which was mainly for members of the armed forces. Also attending the seminar were high-ranking Egyptian officials and professors, as well as two Sudanese military officers.

The opening session was honoured by the presence of H. E. Mr. Boutros Boutros Ghali, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who made a speech in which he pointed out that Egypt had always shown a keen interest in the development of international humanitarian law, in the reaffirmation of its principles applicable in armed conflicts, in its dissemination and in the guarantee of its application. Addresses were also given by Dr. Zaki Hashem, President of the Egyptian Society of International Law, by Mr. H. Huber, Vice-President of the ICRC, by General Fouad Abdel Salam Amin, Director of Military Justice, and by Mr. Yehia Darwish, Secretary General of the Egyptian Red Crescent.

During the seminar lectures were given by professors of the Universities of Cairo and Alexandria, officers of Military Justice, senior government officials and ICRC representatives. The lectures dealt with subjects as varied as the law of war and the armed forces, humanitarian law

and Islam, the protection of civilians during armed conflicts, humanitarian law and wars of liberation. Each exposé was followed by discussion, illustrated by ICRC films. The participants were also given a summary of ICRC activities and the application of international humanitarian law, in particular in the Middle East, and a lecture on the 1977 Protocols.

Those attending showed unflinching interest throughout the week of the seminar, which was the first of its kind to have been organized on the initiative of a country. The success of this meeting was such that a similar seminar is being contemplated in Sudan.

At the Henry Dunant Institute

The Assembly of the Henry Dunant Institute met on 30 June 1982. Lack of space has prevented us until now from giving an account of the work of this meeting and we hope our readers will excuse us.

Firstly, let us recall that the Henry Dunant Institute, founded by the ICRC, the League of Red Cross Societies and the Swiss Red Cross to carry out studies, research, training and teaching for the entire Red Cross, has as its supreme authority the General Assembly which meets once a year to issue any necessary regulations and approve the Institute's budget and long-term programme of activities.

The Assembly consists of fifteen members, each of the three founder institutions appointing five. A representative of each institution in turn presides over the Assembly for a two-year period.

On 30 June 1982, the Assembly welcomed new members and since that date has been composed of the following:

the ICRC delegation, namely Mr. Maurice Aubert, Mr. Jean Pictet, Mr. Dietrich Schindler and Mr. Hans-Peter Tschudi, who are all members of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Mr. Jacques Moreillon, ICRC Director for General Affairs;

the delegation of the League, which consists of Mr. Bjorn Egge, President of the Norwegian Red Cross, Mr. Janos Hantos, President of the Hungarian Red Cross, Dr. Victor Laroche, President of the Haitian Red Cross, Professor Oreste Louridis, President of the Hellenic Red Cross and Mr. Enrique de la Mata, President of the Spanish Red Cross and President of the League; and