

Colloquium in San Francisco

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American National Red Cross in San Francisco, organized a one-day colloquium which was held on 22 February, on International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. It was mainly meant for members of the Red Cross and those interested in the subject.

This was the first time that a local committee of a Red Cross Society took the initiative to organize a seminar of this kind and this venture, which could be considered risky, was a success. The ICRC, anxious to support this type of initiative, had delegated Mr. Rudolf Jäckli, member of the International Committee and Mr. J.-J. Surbeck of the ICRC dissemination division. The attendance in response to the invitation of the local committee of the 'Golden Gate' Chapter was far greater (more than one hundred people) than expected for a subject as arduous as the one proposed. The number of questions asked after the exposés and the interest maintained right till the end, was surprising. This colloquium was also a marked success. It is hoped that the example of the local committee of the 'Golden Gate' of San Francisco will be followed by other local committees on the American continent, in the Pacific Basin and elsewhere as well.
