

Resignations and Appointments at the ICRC

At its last session of the year, on 7 and 8 December 1983, the Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross took leave of four of its members: Mr. Hans-Peter Tschudi and Mr. Jakob Burckhardt, who are retiring owing to their age, Mr. Marcel A. Naville, former president of the ICRC (1969-1973) and Mr. Thomas Fleiner, who did not wish their terms to be renewed.

The Assembly appointed Mr. Maurice Aubert Vice-President of the ICRC. He will assume his duties on 1 January 1984, replacing Mr. Richard Pestalozzi, who has been Vice-President of the ICRC since July 1979. Mr. Pestalozzi will continue as a member of the Assembly and of the Executive Board of the ICRC.

The Assembly warmly thanked the Vice-President and members who are standing down for the services they had rendered to the ICRC and the entire Red Cross movement. It appointed Mr. H. P. Tschudi, Mr. J. Burckhardt and Mr. M. A. Naville honorary members of the ICRC.

The Assembly also elected a new member, Mr. Peter Arbenz, of Winterthur, who will take his seat at the beginning of 1984.

Mr. Maurice Aubert was born in Geneva in 1924. He is a doctor of Law and a lawyer; he devoted himself to a legal career in the service of a bank and to political activities in the legislative bodies of the city and canton of Geneva. At present, he is President of the Geneva Foundation of the University Institute for Development Studies. Mr. Aubert has been a member of the ICRC Assembly since January 1979 and a member of the Executive Board since September 1983. On becoming Vice-President of the ICRC, a post which will take up all his time, Mr. Aubert will naturally give up his current professional and political activities.

The new member of the ICRC, Mr. Peter Arbenz, was born in Winterthur in 1937. He has a degree in Political Science and is currently a municipal councillor in the city of his birth. He was formerly director of Helvetas, a Swiss association for technical assistance to developing countries; he has been a member of the association's Central Committee since 1973. Mr. Arbenz also worked for the Swiss Confederation as a specialist in development co-operation.

The ICRC is pleased of these appointments and to benefit from the co-operation of these new members.