

post of delegate for commercial agreements, with the title of Minister Plenipotentiary, then, in 1968, that of Ambassador Plenipotentiary. He was Swiss Ambassador in the United States of America from 1976 to 1980 and, from then until March 1984, Secretary of State in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, in Berne.

These two new members will play a valuable part in the activities of the ICRC, which takes great pleasure in welcoming them.

ICRC President in Hungary

The President of the ICRC, Mr. Alexandre Hay, went on a brief visit to Budapest, from 6 to 8 March 1984, at the invitation of the President of the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Red Cross and Vice-Chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross, Mr. János Hantos. The ICRC President was accompanied by Mr. Jacques Moreillon, member of the ICRC Directorate and Director for General Affairs, and by Mr. Thierry Germond, regional delegate for Europe.

During this visit, the President of the Hungarian Red Cross, Professor Dr. Pál Gegesi Kis, conferred on Mr. Hay the gold medal of the Hungarian Red Cross, and on Mr. Moreillon its silver medal, in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Red Cross movement. The ceremony was attended by several persons of rank and representatives of the Hungarian authorities.

The ICRC delegation, accompanied by the President of the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Red Cross, was received also by Mr. Istvan Sarlós, Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic.

In the talks with the Hungarian Red Cross a number of current issues relating to the Red Cross movement were discussed. Mr. Hay also gave a press conference for Hungarian journalists.