

Three new members of the ICRC

During its latest meeting, on 4 and 5 May, the Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross appointed three new members to the Committee. The new members, Ms. Suzy Bruschweiler, Mr. Jacques Forster and Mr. Pierre Languetin, will take up their duties on 1 June next. These appointments bring membership of the ICRC, which is composed exclusively of Swiss citizens, to a total of 24.

Ms. Suzy Bruschweiler, born in 1947 and originally from Salmsach, Thurgau, lives in Blonay, Vaud. She completed primary and secondary school in Kuesnacht, Zurich, and obtained a diploma from the School of Commerce in Châtel-St-Denis. She later obtained a nursing diploma and a teaching diploma from the ESEI (School of Advanced Nursing Education) and, lastly, a further education certificate from the Faculty of Law and Economics of the University of Neuchâtel. Since 1984 Ms. Bruschweiler has been Director of the Bois-Cerf Nursing School in Lausanne and President of the Swiss Association of Nursing School Directors. She also teaches at the College of Nursing in Aarau.

Mr. Jacques Forster, born in 1940 and originally from Cerlier, Bern, lives in Hauterive, Neuchâtel. Mr. Forster studied economics at the University of Neuchâtel. He is Doctor of Economics. From 1972 to 1977, he worked at the Office for Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern, where he headed the Latin America Service. Since 1980 he has been Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in Geneva.

Mr. Pierre Languetin, born in 1923 and originally from Lignerolle, Vaud, lives in Bern. He holds a degree in economics and social studies from the University of Lausanne. He entered government service in 1955, in the Commerce Division of the Federal Department of Public Economy, and in 1966 was appointed Delegate of the Federal Council for Trade Negotiations, and Ambassador. In 1976 he became a member

of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank, and between 1985 and 1988 was the Bank's President. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements in Basel. Mr. Languetin holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Lausanne.

ICRC Director General announces departure

Mr. Jacques Moreillon has informed the International Committee of the Red Cross of his intention to leave his present position as Director General on 31 October 1988 to take up the post of Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Jacques Moreillon holds a Master's degree in law and a Ph. D. in political science. He began his association with the ICRC in 1963 while writing a thesis on "The ICRC and political detainees". Since then, he has carried out over 200 missions in some 70 countries on behalf of the Institution. In particular, he served as a delegate in India and Vietnam; Head of Delegation in Syria (1967) and in Israel (1969-1970); Regional Delegate in South America; and Delegate General for Africa. Since 1975 he has held the posts of Director of the Principles and Law Department, Director for General Affairs and, finally, Director General.

The ICRC expresses its regrets about Mr. Moreillon's departure and has conveyed to him its profound gratitude for the devotion and talent with which he has served the cause of the Red Cross during the last 25 years. It is a cause that he will no doubt continue to serve; at least indirectly. "In choosing the scouts, I am abandoning nothing of my Red Cross ideal", J. Moreillon stated, "I will have dedicated 25 years of my life to trying to heal the wounds of conflict victims; perhaps by preparing the leaders of tomorrow, I will contribute to the eradication of those conflicts and the wounds they create".

In one of its forthcoming issues, the *Review* will be publishing Mr. Moreillon's personal thoughts inspired by 25 years of service at the ICRC.
