

Federal Councillor Flavio Cotti visits ICRC

On 22 September 1989 **Mr. Flavio Cotti**, Head of the Federal Department of the Interior, visited the International Committee of the Red Cross, where he was received by the institution's President, Cornelio Sommaruga. Mr. Cotti also met members of the Committee and senior ICRC staff.

The President took this opportunity to thank the Federal Council once again for the substantial support given by the Swiss Confederation to the ICRC. He and Mr. Cotti went on to review the whole range of the ICRC's humanitarian activities. The Federal Councillor, accompanied by Mrs. Cotti, then visited the ICRC Central Tracing Agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotti later toured the International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

News from Headquarters

- **ICRC appoints a Director-General**

At its ordinary session of 24 August 1989, the International Committee of the Red Cross decided to appoint **Mr. Guy Deluz** as its Director-General.

As planned in September 1988, the International Committee took stock of how its new administrative structures had functioned during their first year. It decided to strengthen the Directorate established at the time by appointing a Director-General at its head.

During the '70s Mr. Guy Deluz served on a number of occasions as ICRC delegate and head of delegation, then as head of the institution's Logistics Division. Mr. Deluz is currently Chairman and Managing Director of Pathé Marconi EMI France. He will take up his post as member of the Directorate and Director-General of the ICRC on 1 January 1990.

The Committee also examined a series of measures designed to improve the functioning of the institution and strengthen its internal cohesion.

- **ICRC Director of Operations asks to be relieved of duties**

The ICRC regrets to announce that **Mr. André Pasquier** has asked to be relieved of his duties as ICRC Director of Operations, with effect from October 1989.

Mr. Pasquier decided to step down following the International Committee's adoption on 24 August last of a plan to reorganize the Institution's Directorate.

The ICRC wishes to express its gratitude for Mr. Pasquier's commitment and dedication during his four years in the key post of Director of Operations. Mr. Pasquier will continue to work with the Committee; from 15 October next he will be attached to the Executive Board as the ICRC President's special representative for negotiations in humanitarian matters.

- **ICRC Head of Communication leaves the Institution**

On 30 June 1989 **Mr. Alain Modoux** stepped down from his position as member of the ICRC Directorate and Head of the ICRC Communication Department to take up the post of Director of Information at UNESCO in Paris, starting from 3 July 1989.

Mr. Alain Modoux holds a degree in political science and began his career with the ICRC in 1965. He served as a delegate on several occasions in the Middle East, the Far East and Africa. He subsequently held several posts at ICRC headquarters in Geneva and in 1982 was appointed Head of the then ICRC Information Department.

The ICRC has conveyed to him its gratitude for the dedication and talent with which he served the ICRC for almost 25 years.
