

will relate, *inter alia*, to the protection of civilians, non-international conflicts, the national and international repression of breaches of humanitarian law, and the ICRC and its delegations.

NEW INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

The new headquarters of the International Agency for Research on Cancer was inaugurated at Lyon (France) last June. It comprises a 15-storey tower block with laboratories, conference rooms, offices, and a separate circular auditorium. The administration and research work are directed and supervised by highly qualified scientists from the ten founder countries, and a few others, under the general authority of the World Health Organization. The ten countries which finance the Agency's activities are Australia, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the USSR.

At the inauguration, the President of the French Republic delivered an address in which he said that, although major discoveries could be made in national science laboratories, some research, particularly epidemiological, could be undertaken only on a world scale. "The Agency is therefore a model of international co-operation", he continued, "not only because of its origin—it was established by the World Health Assembly on 20 May 1965—, not only because of its administrative and scientific set-up, but also because of the universality of its vocation, which it has affirmed by setting up regional centres in Nairobi and Singapore and by specializing in epidemiological research covering an enormous geographical area.

International co-operation on such a scale is completely justified by the sheer dimensions of the scourge of cancer. Cancer is now one of the main causes of death."
