

*IN GENEVA***UN Secretary-General's visit**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kurt Waldheim, accompanied by the Director-General of the European Office of the United Nations, Mr. Winspeare Guicciardi, visited the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross on 4 July 1972. He was welcomed by Mr. Marcel A. Naville, President, and several members of the Committee and Directorate.¹

The UN Secretary-General and the ICRC President discussed in private the work being carried out by the ICRC for the development of international humanitarian law, an undertaking with which the United Nations is closely associated. They conversed also on the functions of their respective organizations in disaster relief. In addition, Mr. Naville informed Mr. Waldheim of the ICRC current activities in the world, particularly in the Asian Sub-Continent.

Pseudo-medical experiments

The Neutral Commission appointed by the ICRC to decide on claims made by Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments carried out in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War met at ICRC headquarters in Geneva on 17 and 24 June 1972. The Commission comprises Mr. W. Lenoir, Chairman of the Neutral Commission and Judge of the Geneva Law Courts; Dr. S. Mutrux, Assistant Administrator of the Bel-Air Psychiatric Clinic in Geneva, and Dr. P. Magnenat, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Assistant at the University Clinic of the Nestlé Hospital in Lausanne.

The Neutral Commission decided to allocate a total of DM 1,000,000 in compensation to thirty-eight victims whose claims were considered valid. This brings the financial aid rendered by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany since 1961 to Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments to DM 39,435,000.

¹ *Plate.*