

After having taken part in a great number of international conferences, as a member of delegations and also at their head, he was nominated Minister of Switzerland, and later Ambassador, in France. In 1961, he was appointed Secretary General of the Foreign Affairs Department and Head of the Political Affairs Division, a post which he occupied until 1970.

Throughout his career, Mr. Micheli had many opportunities to become familiarized with the work of the Red Cross. In particular, he was Secretary General of the Diplomatic Conference that met in Geneva in 1949, at the issue of which the four Geneva Conventions were signed.

By his long experience, his deep comprehension of the realities of life and his knowledge of Red Cross problems, Mr. Pierre Micheli will furnish a worthy contribution to the work of the International Committee, which is most happy to be able to count straight away on his valuable co-operation.

### **For victims of pseudo-medical experiments**

The Neutral Commission appointed by the ICRC to decide on applications by Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments in Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War, met on 30 April, 1 May and 4 May 1971 at ICRC headquarters in Geneva. It consisted of Mr. W. Lenoir, President, a judge of the Geneva Court of Justice, Dr. S. Mutrux, assistant director of the Bel-Air psychiatric clinic in Geneva, and Dr. P. Magnenat, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and assistant at the Nestlé Hospital university clinic at Lausanne.

The Neutral Commission awarded 91 victims whose claims were found to be justified indemnities totalling DM 2,530,000. The total amount of the assistance which the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has paid to Polish victims of pseudo-medical experiments on the basis of the Neutral Commission's decisions has now reached the sum of DM 28,540,000.