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## **ICRC CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT**

As part of the co-operation between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the ICRC in the development of humanitarian law, Mr. Jean Wilhelm, Assistant-Director, attended a meeting of experts at the U.N. Headquarters from 13 to 18 April, convened by Mr. Marc Schreiber, director of the Human Rights Division. The purpose of the meeting was to examine ways and means of following up the Secretary-General's report of 20 November 1969 on the respect of human rights during conflict. That report had been examined by the previous General Assembly and by the recent session of the Human Rights Commission.

During the meeting, which was attended by some ten experts of various nationalities, for consultations at a personal level, Mr. Wilhelm provided some useful information of a general character on the main law of war problems encountered by the ICRC in its practical work over the last two decades, and also on the work now being carried out to develop humanitarian law consistent with resolutions adopted at the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross.

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## **THE ICRC AT A CONGRESS ON THE LAW OF WAR**

The ICRC was invited to participate, as an observer, in the Congress of the International Society for Military Law and Law of War, which took place in Dublin from 25 to 30 May 1970.

The themes of the discussions attended by Mr. C. Pilloud, Director at the ICRC, were "Military Obedience in International Penal Law and in the Law of War" and "Concept of War and Combatant in Modern Conflicts". The last two days were devoted