

*IN GENEVA***Guests of the International Committee**

On the occasion of the Executive Committee meeting of the League of Red Cross Societies, the representatives of these Societies were the guests of the International Committee of the Red Cross, which had arranged an information session on its recent activities. The President, Mr. Samuel A. Gonard, first of all described the efforts which the ICRC had made and was still making in Vietnam to obtain fuller application of the Geneva Conventions and also to establish contact with all parties to the conflict with a possible view to easing tension and leading to measures favourable to a halt or at least an abatement of hostilities.

Mr. Jacques Moreillon, who has just returned from South Vietnam where he was a member of the ICRC's delegation, then gave an account of its work on behalf of prisoners, the disabled and refugees. The representative of the Red Cross of the Republic of Vietnam expressed his warm thanks for the ICRC's action, but pointed out that needs are still great and that increased aid from the Red Cross world for his country is of prime necessity. The delegates of several National Societies took part in a discussion on the rôle of the Red Cross in the Vietnam conflict and especially on the possibilities it would have of working more actively for the re-establishment of peace.

The representatives of the Red Cross of India and Pakistan also expressed their appreciation of the activity deployed by the ICRC in connection with the conflict which broke out in 1965 between the two countries.

Finally, Mr. Jean Pictet, Director for General Affairs, gave a report on how the ICRC had followed up certain resolutions adopted at the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross (Vienna, 1965), in particular as regards the Geneva Conventions and the protection of the population against the dangers of modern warfare.