

Mr. Modoux acted on several occasions as delegate of the ICRC in the Middle East, Africa and the Far East, and was then a member of the Legal Department. He had been since the beginning of this year Acting Head of the Information Service of the ICRC.

Accessions to the Geneva Conventions

In its issue of August 1970, the *International Review* had mentioned that 126 States were parties to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949. The ICRC has since been informed by the Federal Political Department in Berne of the accession of two more States to these Conventions. The Swiss Authorities received on 5 August the notification of accession from the Republic of Chad, and on 18 August the declaration of continuity from Mauritius, which is thus bound to the Conventions as from 12 March 1968, when it became independent.

The number of States expressly bound by the Geneva Conventions is now 128.