

*IN GENEVA***Signature of an agreement between the EEC and the ICRC**

On 21 December 1971, a brief ceremony took place at the headquarters of the ICRC in the presence of Mr. Naville, President of that institution, and Mr. Jaqstaidt, the Permanent Delegate of the European Economic Community to the International Organizations in Geneva. The occasion was the official signature of the agreement on the supply, by the EEC, of rice and cereals as emergency food supplies for Bengali refugees in India. The December 1971 issue of the *International Review* mentioned the generous gift of 43,000 tons of rice and 7,000 tons of cereals which had, since October, been shipped in seven vessels from European ports to Calcutta.

Guests of the ICRC

On 1 December 1971, H. E. Mr. Hubert Maga, President of the Presidential Council of the Republic of Dahomey, who was visiting Geneva, called at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Mr. Maga and several high officials of his country were received by Mr. Marcel A. Naville, President of the ICRC, and some members of the International Committee and the Administration. He then went on to visit the Central Tracing Agency.

Accession to the Geneva Conventions

In its issue of October 1971, the *International Review* stated that 129 States were parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The Federal Political Department in Berne recently informed