

Mr. Alexandre Hay, in a full-time capacity at ICRC headquarters, starting on 1 February.

The ICRC welcomes this appointment and is glad that it will soon have the benefit of Mr. Pestalozzi's valuable counsel.

Mark of gratitude

On 16 December, the International Committee at its headquarters manifested its gratitude to three members of its staff.

President Alexandre Hay presented the ICRC's silver medal to Mrs. Rose Parmelin and Mr. Jean-Pierre Maunoir for their thirty years of service, and its silver salver to Mr. Joseph Abramiec for his twenty years of service.

Speaking for himself and his colleagues, Mr. Maunoir expressed thanks to the Committee for its recognition of their services.

Death of Miss P. Y. Tombet, Director of the ICRC

The International Committee learnt with deep regret of the death, on 15 December, after a short illness, of Miss Paulette Y. Tombet, a member of the ICRC directorate and Director of the Central Tracing Agency.

Miss Tombet joined the ICRC staff in December 1940 as an employee of the French section of the Central Prisoners of War Agency. In 1947 she was appointed head of the French Service secretariat, and in 1951 head of the Hungarian Service. In 1957 she was promoted assistant head of the Agency directorate. While carrying out these functions she assumed in 1964 the secretariat of the ICRC Presidency and also directed the Protocol service. In 1966 she was appointed Director of the Central Tracing Agency and became a member of the ICRC directorate in 1973.

Paulette Tombet devoted thirty-six years of her life, almost to the day, to the ICRC. Her practical intelligence, constant dedication and untiring selfless efforts were an example to all.

The International Committee is profoundly grateful to her, and her many friends will long remember her winning personality.