

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Two new members of the International Committee

At its November meeting, the International Committee of the Red Cross elected two new members: Dr. Athos Gallino and Mr. Robert Kohler.

Dr. Athos Gallino, born in Biasca (Ticino) in 1920, went to school in Lugano, obtained his doctor's degree in medicine at Basle University, and attended specialization courses in Rome and Basle. He is at present department head at Bellinzona Hospital, President of the Swiss Society of Gynaecology, and former President of the "Ligue suisse contre le cancer". Dr. Gallino is also the mayor of Bellinzona.

Mr. Robert Kohler, born in 1919, is a citizen of Basle and of the canton of Aargau. He studied modern languages and political economy at the Universities of Geneva and of Berne. His doctorate's thesis, presented at Berne University, was on a subject dealing with social, political and economic problems. Mr. Kohler is managing director of Coop Suisse, a consumers' co-operative with which he started his business career in 1947.

The ICRC is happy that it can count upon the collaboration and experience of these two newly-elected members.

High Honour from the German Red Cross to the Director of the ITS

The German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany awarded Mr. Albert de Cocatrix, Director since 1970 of the International Tracing Service, Arolsen, its Medal of Merit, in recognition of his many years of service. The Society's President, Mr. W. Bargatzky, presented the medal to Mr. de Cocatrix at the ITS on 11 November.