IN GENEVA

Preparation for XXIst International Conference

Mr. Riza Cerçel, chairman of the preparatory commission for the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross, to be held at Istanbul, Turkey, in 1969, left Geneva after discussions with the two International Red Cross institutions here.

Mr. Cerçel, a former President of the Turkish Red Crescent Society, met representatives of the International Committee and the League. Their talks dealt with the planning and organisation of the Istanbul Conference.

Central Tracing Agency

The Central Tracing Agency at ICRC headquarters in Geneva received the request from Mrs. Ch. T. K., the Swiss wife of a Jordanian teacher of mathematics in Amman, to inquire about her daughter, the 14-year-old N. T. K. who was alone in Amman when the Israeli-Arab War broke out.

Mrs. Ch. T. K. an interpreter in Lausanne was herself in Jerusalem at that time, separated from her husband and unable to do anything for the child. She asked the ICRC to bring the child to Switzerland to join her.

Mr. Roland Troyon, assistant delegate of the ICRC in Jordan, found the young N. T. K. in Amman where she had been taken in by a family who had assumed the heavy task of taking care of 28 refugees, with food beginning to run out. After attending to various customs formalities, the delegate arranged for the child to fly on June 30 to Beyrouth. There she was confided to the care of an ICRC staff member returning to Geneva and who delivered the child safe and sound to the mother who, as can be imagined, was delighted to have her child back again so quickly.

The Agency was also able to reassure Mrs. Ch. T. K. about her husband who is in good health in Amman.