

ROUND TABLE AT SAN REMO

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law organized a Round Table on current problems in international humanitarian law, which took place in San Remo from 30 August to 4 September. There were numerous participants, from all parts of the world, representing those bodies (Governments, Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the League of Red Cross Societies, the ICRC, international associations and agencies, law institutes and universities) concerned with the development of international humanitarian law and with the problems arising out of the recent adoption by the Diplomatic Conference, which ended in June, of the two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions.

The Round Table, under the direction of Ambassador P. P. Spinelli, President of the Institute, spent the five days in a consideration of the following subjects: How to ensure that all States became Parties to the Additional Protocols; How to disseminate knowledge of the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols, nationally and internationally; The relief actions envisaged under the additional Protocols; The prohibition of torture.

Special committees were set up to discuss the development of humanitarian law and human rights, the teaching of humanitarian law to members of the armed forces, protection for refugees and for victims of natural disasters, and international medical law.

Mr. Jean Pictet, Vice-President of the ICRC, gave an inaugural address, excerpts from which appear in the first pages of this issue of the *International Review*.
