

*IN GENEVA***Further participations in the Geneva Conventions**

The International Committee of the Red Cross has received from the Federal Political Department in Berne a communication informing it that the Canadian Government notified the Swiss Federal Council on May 14, 1965 of the ratification by that State of the Geneva Conventions of 1949, such ratification taking effect on November 14, 1965.

Furthermore, the Republic of Mali informed that same Department, by date of May 24, 1965, of its country's accession to the Geneva Conventions; this accession will take effect on November 24, 1965.

Canada and the Republic of Mali are thus the 105th and 106th States formally participating in the humanitarian Conventions of August 12, 1949.

Mark of gratitude

A ceremony took place on June 3, 1965, at which the ICRC expressed its gratitude to Mr. Albert de Cocatrix who has given twenty years service to the institution. Since he was not in Geneva last December, he had not received the customary silver tray presented to other members of the staff with the same length of service.

Mr. Hans Bachmann, Vice-President of the ICRC, paid tribute to the activity, as varied as it is effective, of Mr. de Cocatrix, who is now assistant director of the International Tracing Service at Arolsen, after having been a delegate in numerous countries and having given many proofs of his devotion to the humanitarian cause. Mr. de Cocatrix then expressed his thanks, happy to have been called to serve and to continue to serve as great and noble an ideal as the Red Cross.