

*IN GENEVA***Death of Miss S. Ferrière, Honorary Member of the ICRC**

On 13 December 1970 death took Miss Suzanne Ferrière, a warm-hearted woman who had devoted her life to her fellow men with calm courage and exemplary modesty.

She was the niece of Dr. Frédéric Ferrière under whose orders she worked in the civilians section of the Central Prisoners of War Agency from 1914 to 1915, after which she served in the ICRC Relief Section. In that capacity she was in touch with Eglantyne Jebb in 1919 with whom she participated in the foundation of the International Union for Child Welfare, of which she later became the Secretary-General.

On several occasions the ICRC assigned her missions which took her to Russia, South America and Africa and which she carried out with an intelligence equal to her courage, confronting great obstacles, using the least expected means of transport, as when she crossed the Andes on horse-back. At that time, in the distant countries to which she went for the Red Cross, travel was an adventure which she undertook heedless of the fatigue and danger, spurred on, like her uncle, by determination to help victims protected by no convention.

The International Committee appointed her to membership in 1924, since when she unflinchingly devoted part of her energies to the work of the Red Cross and to other social activities. She was a constant collaborator of the International Union for Child Welfare and contributed to the founding of the International Migration Service, of which she was the Secretary-General until 1945. She later became assistant director when that institution changed its name to International Social Service.

From the beginning of the Second World War she took an active part in Red Cross work, particularly for the benefit of civilians. She constantly widened its scope by instituting the civilian message

system which enabled families separated by the war to receive news of their relatives via Geneva, and by attending to migrant welfare, organizing exchanges and repatriation of civilians. In addition, she carried out several difficult and at times dangerous missions in countries at war. She never ceased to work for the cause she held dear until the end of the war, and her advice was valuable to the ICRC for the drafting of the four Geneva Conventions.

We would add that Miss Ferrière made a number of contributions to the *International Review* in important studies on "The Red Cross Societies of South America", "The Activities of National Societies in War and Peace", and "The Operation of the Civilians Section of the Central Tracing Agency".

In 1951 she resigned from the ICRC and was appointed to honorary membership. Aware of the value and effectiveness of the assistance she gave for so many years and with such dedication, the ICRC will remember her faithfully and with profound gratitude.

Appointment of a medical consultant

The ICRC has appointed Dr. Roland Marti as its permanent medical consultant.

In 1936 he joined the ICRC as a delegate and was sent to Spain during the civil war. On his return in March 1940, he was appointed head of the delegation in Germany where he served throughout the Second World War. Many missions took him to various countries, particularly in the Middle East (1948), Kashmir (1949), Bengal (1950) and Vietnam (1951).

After seventeen years with the ICRC, Dr. Marti worked for a further seventeen years with UNICEF in Africa, South Sahara and the Maghreb States.

As the ICRC's medical consultant he will co-operate with its Field Delegations Servicing Department and with the Relief Service, in the training of doctor-delegates, their equipment and medical relief supplies. He will maintain contact with the ICRC medical teams and visit them regularly in the field.