

Commission on the Red Cross and Peace

At the invitation of the Egyptian Red Crescent, the Commission on the Red Cross and Peace met in Cairo from 1 to 4 May 1979. Its fifteen members—a dozen National Societies, the ICRC, the League and the Henry Dunant Institute—met under the chairmanship of Mr. Harald Huber, ICRC Vice-President.

The opening ceremony, attended by Mrs Jihan Sadat, President of the Egyptian Red Crescent, was followed by four work sessions on subjects relating to the Red Cross contribution to the promotion of peace, namely, the dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law, League development programmes, Red Cross youth programmes, etc.

The ICRC delegation took advantage of its stay in Cairo to have a number of meetings with the leading members of the Egyptian Red Crescent, thus helping to strengthen the bond of friendship between that National Society and the ICRC.

Seminar at the Henry Dunant Institute

From 10 to 17 May 1979, the Henry Dunant Institute organised its third Course of introduction to the international activities of the Red Cross. This course, which is a regular activity of the Institute, is intended for leaders of National Red Cross Societies.

This year's course was for English-speaking countries, and it brought together 29 participants from twenty countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. The participants took part in a series of discussions on the basic principles of the Red Cross, the organisation and activities of the ICRC and of the League of Red Cross Societies, on the cooperation between Red Cross institutions, and on the principles of International Humanitarian Law.