

## INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MEETING ON THE "BIG STUDY"

Donald Tansley, the Canadian expert appointed by the International Red Cross to carry out a "re-appraisal of the role of the Red Cross in the world" submitted his report in the autumn of 1975.

Since then, the various national and international bodies of the Red Cross, aware of the significance of what became known as the "Big Study", have settled down to the task of examining the report and are getting ready to discuss it next October at the forthcoming Twenty-third International Conference of the Red Cross at Bucharest.

It is clear that a debate on the "Big Study", with some 250 government and National Red Cross Society delegations taking part, will not produce substantial results unless it is carefully prepared. Therefore, the League, which is the federation of the 123 recognized National Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies decided to bring together, to that end, some thirty International Red Cross senior officials at Montreux for discussions which lasted from 29 April to 1 May.

It was an opportunity for the League's Chairman José Barroso (Mexico) and its eight Vice-Chairmen to meet informally eight members of the ICRC, led by ICRC President Alexandre Hay, for exchanges of views.

The International Red Cross Standing Commission, whose Chairman is Sir Geoffrey Newman-Morris (Australia), was also represented at Montreux.