

been found to receive them, the ICRC may give refugees help in moving from the country of refuge to the country where they will finally settle by supplying travel documents. These are not transport tickets, but identity documents, valid solely for the duration of the journey. They are, of course, provided free of charge.

Accession to the Geneva Conventions

In a declaration dated 25 August 1975 which reached the Swiss Government on 15 October 1975, the Government of the State of Qatar informed the Swiss Federal Council of its accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949. This accession takes effect on 15 April 1976 and brings the number of States parties to the Conventions to 140.

A new publication

Under the title *ICRC Bulletin*, the International Committee of the Red Cross is putting out, as from February of this year, a publication which will come out on the first Monday of each month. It is to take the place of *ICRC in Action*, the last number of which was issued in January, with the difference, however, that its contents will not be restricted to an account of the ICRC's humanitarian activities nor will they be of an official nature.

The *ICRC Bulletin* is mainly directed to the Red Cross world and the mass media, and its primary aim is to keep the door open for extensive exchanges of views. It is edited in four languages—English, French, German and Spanish—by the services of the ICRC Press and Information Division.

The contents include articles on Red Cross action in Angola, Lebanon, the Western Sahara, Indochina and Chile and on the objectives of the second session of the Conference of Government Experts on weapons.