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As we have mentioned elsewhere, Mr. P. Gaillard, Adviser of the ICRC, travelled to Morocco to visit captured Algerian soldiers there. Part of his mission was concerned with the dissemination of the Geneva Conventions, a question of great importance today.

He gave four lectures on the law of Geneva at four officer training schools: the officers' school at Kenitra, the naval school at Casablanca, the central military academy at Meknès and the general staff college of the royal armed forces at Kenitra. The large audiences of officers showed a keen interest in the lectures and the subsequent discussions were very lively.

Mr. Gaillard's mission took place during the national week organized by the Moroccan Red Crescent to mark World Red Cross Day, 8 May, with special events all over the country. The National Society asked Mr. Gaillard to take part, and arranged for him to visit seven provincial committees. He attended the inauguration of a polyclinic, visited dispensaries, a hospital, a children's day nursery, and gave two talks on the Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions, one at the school of nursing at Meknès, the other at El Hoceima to the local authorities and a large public audience.

The Red Crescent had devoted considerable time and energy to the organization of the national week, which was a great success. The theme this year, in Morocco as elsewhere, was youth. Events throughout the country included the handing over of new ambulances, entertainments for children in hospitals and orphanages, exhibitions on the activities of Red Crescent workshops, parades of first-aid workers, flag days, films, the provision of first-aid posts along roads, and so on. The purpose of the week was to attract young people to become first-aiders, and to acquaint public opinion with the ideals and work of the National Society.