

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW CLASSIFIED INDEX

The International Committee of the Red Cross in 1900, 1910, 1919 and 1939, published a general classified index covering the contents of its *Bulletin International des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge*, the title of which was changed in 1919 to the *Revue internationale de la Croix-Rouge*.

The last general classified index went no further than 1939 so that our readers, research workers and all who in a general way are interested in humanitarian actions, ideas and law, were unable to trace material which has appeared for many years past. For this reason, the ICRC considered that the time has come to issue a new general classified index of its official organ. In view of the diversity of subjects dealt with, it had necessarily to be made out in a very detailed manner.

The new classified index is available in French as a 128 page booklet and covers the years from 1939 to 1961. For the first part of this long period in particular, the subject matter covers a very wide field, since the Second World War brought in its train an immense extension of the activities of the ICRC. It appeared difficult to publish an index based only on the names of the writers and for this reason a supplement has been added which is not founded on the ICRC circulars alone, as was the case for the period from 1919 to 1938, so that research is thereby rendered easier.

It nevertheless proved essential to simplify matters, particularly as regards relief actions, for the ICRC's tasks in this sphere were enormous during the Second World War. Under the heading "Relief" can be found only details relating to the assistance granted to civilian populations in general.

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The new classified index of the *Revue internationale* has been drawn up by Miss Gertrud Schwarz, trainee librarian at the Ecole d'Etudes Sociales of Geneva, to whom we express our gratitude. We also thank the Ecole de Bibliothécaires attached to the Ecole d'Etudes Sociales, who confided this work to Miss Schwarz for her thesis.

The aim was to produce a classified index which can be used as a clear and convenient guide and we hope that this valuable work of reference will meet with wide appreciation ¹ (*Ed.*).

¹ The price is Swiss frs. 5.— per copy and readers will find an order-form in this issue.