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### LE TROISIÈME COMBATTANT<sup>1</sup>

*by*

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A new edition of Dr. Marcel Junod's book "Le Troisième Combattant" has just been produced by the Editions Payot in Paris. The first edition was published in 1947.<sup>1</sup> As the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross says in the preface: "This book tells the reader what a delegate of the ICRC really is and what must be his qualities of intelligence, initiative and courage, and with what perilous missions he may be entrusted."

It should therefore be a matter for rejoicing that such a work has now been made available to the general public.

### IN THE SERVICE OF MANKIND

Teachers in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, for whom this booklet was written by the Swiss branch of the Junior Red Cross on the occasion of our movement's centenary, will find therein a selection of illustrations together with an explanatory text written by Mr. Coursier, Adviser in the Legal Department of the ICRC. This will enable them to give an interesting and descriptive account to their classes of the milestones of a century of Red Cross history.

The illustrations are shown in chronological order. In a vivid manner they reflect the circumstances and efforts which led up to the foundation of the ICRC and subsequently of the League, as well as the sequence of events which determined the resolve of the Red Cross to fulfil everywhere its rôle as a humanitarian institution.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the English translation under the title "Warrior without Weapons", Jonathan Cape, London 1951.

Thus, a great distance has been covered from Solferino to the present day, a distance throughout which the Red Cross has stood for protection for all who suffer and who appeal for help. This well presented booklet will serve as a guide to all who are interested in the history and development of the institution since its birth in 1863.

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DIE ENTWICKLUNG DER AUFGABEN DES INTERNATIONALEN  
KOMITEES VOM ROTEN KREUZ

by

DIETRICH SCHINDLER

This interesting study is worthy of notice. It appears in the *Schweizer Monatshefte* (Zurich, 1963, No. 3), of which an off-print has just been published.

The author is a member of the ICRC, and consequently this brochure contains up-to-date information, showing clearly how actual events have made it necessary for the International Committee to extend its activities. Its original function was the care of the wounded and the sick, then of prisoners of war and now of victims of conflicts. Recently it was called upon to act in the cause of peace during the "Cuban crisis".

An account of this is given by Mr. Schindler in the last part of his study. Although the ICRC was in the end not called upon to intervene, these events nevertheless demonstrated that the Red Cross may be asked to act in a manner which the five founders could never have foreseen, so far removed was it from their original intentions.

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