

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

HANS HAUG : " ROTES KREUZ — WERDEN, GESTALT,
WIRKEN " ¹

It is scarcely necessary to introduce Mr. Hans Haug, as he is already so well known in the Red Cross world. It is sufficient to recall that he has been for a long time Secretary-General of the Swiss Red Cross and that he teaches international law at the St-Gall Graduate School of Economics, Business and Public Administration. The author of many important publications, dealing chiefly with the protection of civilian populations and with the question of neutrality, he has now produced a general work entitled " The Red Cross : its origins, organization and activity ". Well documented and based on wide experience gained from a lifetime of service to the Red Cross, this book will be all the more welcome as there is a distinct shortage of others of this kind and it certainly fulfils a need. Written in German, one hopes to see it translated into French and other languages. As the author himself points out, this volume does not pretend to exhaust the subject, but it does present in condensed and precise form a number of facts indispensable for those who wish to increase their knowledge of the Red Cross, so widely spoken about but in fact really known by so few.

Mr. Haug dedicates his work to the Swiss Red Cross on the occasion of its centenary. He also pays tribute to the memory of Max Huber, that great man who has given so much to the Red Cross, if it has only been to provide it with the moral foundations which have rendered its future development possible.

The book contains five parts with annexes. The first deals with the founding of the Red Cross and also includes an account of the evolution of humanitarian ideas through the ages and a brief

¹ Verlag Hans Huber, Berne 1966, 220 p.

sketch of Henry Dunant's life. The second part discusses the four Geneva Conventions, as well as the efforts made by the International Committee of the Red Cross to ameliorate the protection of civilians against the dangers of indiscriminate warfare. The third part relates to the world organization of the Red Cross, whilst the fourth is reserved, as it should be, for the Swiss Red Cross. These two sections are particularly well expounded and documented. The last part, and by no means the least significant, is devoted to Red Cross doctrine. It takes its stand on the declaration of the fundamental principles of the Red Cross recently stated by the Vienna Conference, together with a commentary which aptly summarizes the doctrine established so far. Finally, the annexes are well assembled and include a number of basic texts, historic documents, a summary of the Geneva Conventions now in force, charts and a selection of thoughts drawn mainly from Huber's writings.

One can strongly recommend Hans Haug's work to readers of the *International Review*. In compact size and easily accessible form they will find much substance and a host of facts hitherto without cohesion.

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FINN SEYERSTED : " UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE
LAW OF PEACE AND WAR " ¹

Several legal works on the United Nations forces have recently been published, but none have made such a thorough examination as Mr. Seyersted of the problems raised by the application of the laws of war to and by these forces.

A legal expert at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he has a wide knowledge of the problems of international organizations, since he was also for many years legal adviser to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. Finally, as a Norwegian he is familiar with the problems raised by the organizing of a contingent to be placed at the disposal of the United Nations Organization, as

¹ A. W. Sijthoff, Publisher, Leyden, 1966, 447 p.