

SCHOOL TEXTBOOK AND SOLDIER'S MANUAL

For a number of years, the ICRC has been publishing and offering to National Societies an illustrated school textbook, supplemented by a teacher's manual to help teachers make effective use of the textbook. This has made an active contribution to spreading knowledge of Red Cross principles and the Geneva Conventions among the young people of the world. The two books have been very widely distributed, as the *International Review* has noted from time to time.

A further example of this activity consisted in the recent presentation by the ICRC of 100,000 copies of "The Red Crescent and My Country" and 10,000 copies of the teacher's manual, in Urdu, to the Pakistan Red Crescent Society. The book had been translated by the Lahore branch of the Society.

In a ceremony on 16 August at the new headquarters of the Pakistan Red Crescent at Rawalpindi, Mr. M. Testuz, representing the ICRC, stressed the significance of the gift and of the ICRC's activities, before making a formal presentation of the book to Mrs. Bhutto, Chairman of the National Society.¹ Mrs. Bhutto expressed her thanks and spoke of the importance attached to the dissemination of such information among the young people of her country by the Government and the National Society.

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The Soldier's Manual, setting forth in words and pictures the main provisions of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, has been distributed by the ICRC, for the use of the armed forces, since 1969. The distribution has been more and more widespread, and a number of countries have undertaken to translate and print the work.

¹ *Plate.*

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Four examples indicate the way in which the Soldier's Manual is distributed:

In May, 15,000 copies were given to the Angola Red Cross for distribution among the armed forces. In September, at the request of the Portuguese Red Cross, 5,000 copies were sent to that country. In the near future, 3,000 copies will be sent to Guinea-Bissau and 2,000 to São Tomé.