BOOKS AND REVIEWS

ADOLFO MARESCA : " LA PROTEZIONE INTERNATIONALE DEI COMBATTENTI E DEI CIVILI " [1]

The author, Mr. Adolfo Maresca was a member of the Italian delegation at the Geneva Diplomatic Conference of 1949 which drew up the four Geneva Conventions for the protection of war victims.

This is a first general work published in Italian in connection with these Conventions. General aspects of the 1949 Conference are examined, as well as its preparation, legal character and organization. An analysis is then made of the articles common to the four Conventions, followed by a study of the purpose of each of them.

Mr. Maresca's explanations and comments are extremely clear and enable one to become familiar with the content of humanitarian law and easily understand its purport.

The work also contains the texts of the resolutions adopted by the Conference and three studies by the author on subjects of topical interest. These relate to recent developments in the juridical notion of warfare, factors concerning the legal definition of aggression and aspects of the problem of hostages from a legal point of view.

This book, which also comprises the French version of the Conventions, will be most useful to all Italian-speakers wanting to know about the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their importance for international law. *C. P.*

ERNST BAUM : " ROTES KREUZ UBER EUROPA " [2]

The author of this brief work, amply illustrated and well presented, has aimed at making known some of the actions of the

[1] Dott. A. Giuffrè, publishers, Milan, 1965, XIV 290 p.

[2] Osang Verlag, Munich, 1966, 112 p.