

to judge it morally and philosophically nor to take sides " in the controversy on any practical or legal interpretation ". It is because his study is so objective that it is so useful and enables members of the international legal community the better to understand the aims which they have set themselves.

It is a widely known fact that the Declaration of Human Rights is part and parcel of the general current of thought which led to the creation and development of the Red Cross. It may be noted that the *Revue internationale* (April 1949) has already published articles drawing the parallel between this Declaration and the Geneva Conventions. Mr. Verdoodt's book points to the general trend of efforts after the Second World War to safeguard essential human rights. It was only one year after the vote on the Declaration that the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, were drawn up.

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B. and S. EPSTEIN : THE RED CROSS IN ACTION ¹

In March 1964, the *International Review* devoted an article to a book written by Beryl and Sam Epstein in 1963 under the title " The Story of the International Red Cross ". A condensed edition has now been published under another title.

It repeats the same general ideas as the earlier version and has the same factual and vivid description of historic events of concern to the Red Cross from the time of Henry Dunant and his prophetic views up to the Second World War. It also covers ICRC actions during civil wars and gives an account of actions undertaken by the League and by many National Societies.

Red Cross interventions during armed conflicts and natural disasters are illustrated as well as its work for the benefit of children in hospitals and for the training of nurses.

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¹ Macfaden-Bartell, New-York, 1965, 128 p. This book is intended for readers having only an elementary knowledge of English.