

THE ICRC, THE LEAGUE AND THE REPORT ON THE RE-APPRAISAL OF THE ROLE OF THE RED CROSS

The Final Report on the Re-appraisal of the Role of the Red Cross, commonly called the Tansley Report, was the subject of a detailed though not exhaustive study, carried out by the ICRC and League.

The results of this analysis appeared in a document entitled *The ICRC, the League and the Tansley Report*, dated August 1977, which was circulated at the Twenty-Third International Conference of the Red Cross in Bucharest.

In view of the very favourable comments made by the participants at the Bucharest Conference regarding this document, it was considered, at the ICRC and the League, that it would be appropriate for its main chapters to appear in successive issues of *International Review of the Red Cross* and that an off-print would later be issued separately.

The resultant book would contain some important aspects of the doctrine of our Red Cross movement with regard to its main activities. It would constitute the first volume of its kind in which various considerations and references would be found without claiming to cover all possible fields or reply to all the questions raised by the Tansley Report, the study of which is still being pursued within the Red Cross. We believe that its publication will be welcomed by our movement and by all those who take an interest in its work.

Where the Bucharest Conference may have introduced some additional comments in respect of the document submitted to it, such additions will be mentioned after the passages quoted, and the same will apply to any other additions which the ICRC and League might deem necessary.

Any relevant observations and comments sent by National Red Cross Societies or other writers on the subjects dealt with will also be considered for publication in *International Review of the Red Cross*.