

ANALYTICAL INDEX TO THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE RED CROSS

In our January 1976 issue, we announced the publication of an index to the French edition of *International Review* covering the years 1962 to 1974. It gives us pleasure to inform our English-speaking readers that the analytical index to the English edition is now available.¹

We reproduce below the preface to the English index which covers the period from 1961 to 1974.

Soon after the Second World War, it was considered desirable to inform also the English-speaking world of the tasks which the ICRC is called upon to discharge, and of the legal and ethical problems which have to be dealt with by the Red Cross movement. It was decided to begin on a small scale by issuing a sixteen to twenty page monthly supplement in English, the first of which appeared in January 1948. It was only in 1961 that the ICRC published a complete English version of its periodical and the first issue came out in April of that year under the name "International Review of the Red Cross". The present Analytical Index starts from that date, but it also contains references to the main articles which had appeared in the supplements from 1948 to 1961.

The Index shows at a glance the large number and variety of the entries, the range of subjects of concern to the Red Cross having continually increased. It was therefore deemed essential to have, besides the names of authors arranged in alphabetical order, a detailed subject index, to facilitate reference to the various facts and events which have stood out as landmarks in the history of the Red Cross during all those years. The "Review" has continued on the course set by its founders. In it may be found, as in the past, all kinds of articles on Red Cross activities and Red

¹ *Analytical Index to the International Review of the Red Cross, 1961-1974*, Geneva, 1976, 84 pp., price Sw.fr. 5.00 from the ICRC Documentation Service. A limited number of copies of the index for the period 1939-1961, in French only, are still available, price Sw.fr. 5.00.

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Cross principles, as well as studies on many humanitarian problems arising in the world today.

The French index, which appeared in 1975, was prepared by Miss Marguerite J. Volland. Before devoting all her energies to this task, she had been for many years on the staff of the ICRC as secretary to the editor of the "Revue internationale", and her knowledge of the history and achievements of the Red Cross stood her in good stead to bring her enterprise to a successful conclusion. The ICRC's deep appreciation goes once more to Miss Volland for her splendid work. But our warmest thanks are also extended to the members of the ICRC translation service who were given the task of preparing the English version and entering in it the references to the articles in the earlier supplements. To judge by the large number of requests we have received from readers of the English edition of "International Review", the publication of the index comes at a timely moment. We feel sure that it will render great service to many people and we trust that it will be well received by a wide public.

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