

First Award of the Paul Reuter Prize

The donation made in 1982 by Mr Paul Reuter, Honorary Professor for law, economics and social sciences of Paris University, member and former president of the U.N. Commission for International Law, enabled the ICRC to establish the Paul Reuter Fund. The revenue from the fund is to be used for the promotion of knowledge and understanding of international humanitarian law and for the award of a prize of 2000 Swiss francs every other year to reward a particularly deserving work in that field.¹

The Prize jury, presided by Mr Jean Pictet, Honorary Vice-President of the ICRC, and comprising on this occasion some members of the ICRC staff and Professor L. Condorelli and Professor G. Malinverni, of Geneva University, has decided unanimously to award the first Paul Reuter Prize to Mr. Mohamed El Kouhène, Doctor of Laws, of Moroccan nationality, for his thesis entitled "Les garanties fondamentales de la personne dans les instruments de droit humanitaire et des droits de l'homme", presented in July 1984 at the Law Faculty of Nice University.

The jury appreciated the outstanding quality of the laureate's thesis which greatly contributes to the knowledge of international humanitarian law in that it highlights its relationship with human rights. The Prize will be presented to the winner in Spring 1985.

¹ See *International Review of the Red Cross*, November-December 1983.