

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

VÖLKERRECHT IM DIENSTE DES MENSCHEN FESTSCHRIFT FÜR HANS HAUG *

*(International law in the service of man —
Studies and Essays in honour of Hans Haug)*

The *Mélanges* (miscellany of studies and essays) which the Faculty of Law in the University of St. Gallen has just presented to Professor Hans Haug on the occasion of his 65th birthday is a tribute which the academic world and the Red Cross particularly wished to pay to a person whose life has been entirely dedicated to the service of mankind. As we are reminded in the foreword by Federal Counsellor, Mr. Pierre Aubert, «few people have worked as hard as he has to improve our knowledge and understanding of international humanitarian law in time of armed conflict, the law of war and neutrality and the international protection of human rights».

Similarly, Mr. Henrik Beer, Emeritus Secretary General of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Mr. Jean-Jacques Gautier, former president (lately deceased) of the Swiss Committee Against Torture and Mr. Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC, highlight in their messages, over and above his outstanding ability and kindly disposition, Professor Haug's considerable contributions to promoting humanitarian law and developing the Red Cross.¹

The contributions which go to make up this publication perfectly mirror Professor Haug's main interests: international humanitarian law dominates, with articles on the incorporation into Swiss National Law of the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions, on the prohibition of terrorism in the Geneva Conventions, the protection of chaplains in humanitarian law, the Soviet concept of non-international armed conflict, international co-operation to put humanitarian law into effect and the delineation of *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello*.

* Völkerrecht im Dienste des Menschen—Festschrift für Hans Haug; herausgegeben im Auftrag der Juristischen Abteilung der Hochschule St. Gallen von Yvo Hangartner und Stefan Trechsel, Verlag Paul Haupt Bern und Stuttgart, 1986, 422 S. (Articles in German, English and French). The work contains a list of Professor Haug's publications.

¹ We would mention that Mr. Hans Haug was not only a professor at the Faculty of Law in the Haute-Ecole of St. Gallen but was also Central Secretary and then President of the Swiss Red Cross, President of the Henry Dunant Institute, Vice-President of the Swiss Federation for Civil Defence, President of the "Institute for Latin American Research and Development Co-operation" of the University of St. Gallen and Vice-President of the Swiss Association for Foreign Policy. He is presently a member of the ICRC and President of the Swiss Committee Against Torture.

Certain aspects of human rights, plus the development of international penal law, are the subject of detailed studies. In particular we would mention the struggle against torture, which is of special concern to Mr. Haug.

Swiss foreign policy and neutrality are also analysed in their relationship to humanitarian work and the protection of human rights.

Finally, mention must be made of articles on two major subjects to which Professor Haug has already given much thought: the revision of the Statutes of the International Red Cross and the principle of the independence of the Red Cross.

This broad range of contributions penned by renowned experts from the academic world, by Swiss and foreign political figures and by leading people from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement provides a particularly rich reference work; it will be of use to all who are interested in the problems with which the law and the Red Cross must come to grips in the profound changes occurring in our times.

The Review

CHARITY BUSINESS

Money and dreams

Charity, like nostalgia, is no longer what it used to be. Good deeds have become a thing of the past—charity has become a question of marketing. Discretion is no longer fashionable: charity is show business!

The commercialization of humanitarian aid to the victims of conflicts and natural disasters, the determining role of the mass media and the recourse to modern administration and marketing methods are the main theme of the latest book by Bernard Kouchner, the founder of *Médecins sans Frontières* and presently honorary president of *Médecins du Monde*.*

But the author's consideration is much more ambitious. This great humanitarian soldier of fortune, "a crusader for charity", "a volunteer worker for solidarity" has spent twenty years at the scene of famine and war, "meeting others", as he is wont to say, from Biafra to El Salvador via Viet Nam and the Sahel. A man of action who thinks about what he is doing, he presents us with his thoughts on the Third World, famine in the world, human rights, humanitarian organizations, associations and their activities, and voluntary service. This has provided us with a rich, happily penned book, full of images and anecdotes, accompanied by observations forged from experience.

* Bernard Kouchner, *Charité-Business*, Le Pré aux Clercs, Paris, 1986, 274 p. FF. 89.