

## BOOKS AND REVIEWS

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SYDNEY D. BAILEY; "PROHIBITION AND RESTRAINTS  
IN WAR"<sup>1</sup>

The Royal Institute of International Affairs in London has just published a book on the problem of the law of war which is interesting for a number of reasons.

The first two chapters deal with the ancient concept of a just war according to the early Christian Church: Luther, Calvin, William Penn, St. Ambrose, St. Augustin, St. Thomas, Vitoria and Suarez and, finally, Grotius and contemporary writers and law. The following three chapters concern present-day efforts by both the ICRC and the United Nations to reaffirm and develop international humanitarian law and to limit weapons, particularly those which are chemical, bacteriological and nuclear.

A number of appendices complete the book and assemble declarations or resolutions on the use of force between 1945 and 1970, the Nuremberg principles and the comments of the International Law Commission, the 1956 draft Rules for the Limitation of the Dangers incurred by the Civilian Population in Time of War, the two draft Protocols adopted by the first session of the Conference of Government Experts on the protection of wounded and sick in international armed conflicts and, finally, the fundamental principles of protection for civilian population in armed conflicts, approved by the United Nations General Assembly on 9 December 1970.

An index is provided for ready reference to this book which, concisely and simply, covers the main outline of ancient and modern law of war. It is a timely publication, just after the second session of the Conference of Government Experts in Geneva, and before the convening of a new Diplomatic Conference.

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<sup>1</sup> Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1972, 194 pp.