

on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts, which met in Geneva from 1974 to 1977 and ended with the adoption of the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions.

The book by Dr. Bosko Jakovljević, Secretary General of the Yugoslav International Law Association and member of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, is devoted to an examination of this new status.

The author begins by briefly retracing the ICRC's efforts for almost a quarter of a century to have this status acknowledged, in the face of a certain amount of opposition and incomprehension, for although civil defence is intended to protect civilian populations against the effects of war, it also appears to contribute indirectly to the belligerents' war effort. He goes on to examine this status in relation to international law and human rights, and then to analyse the provisions of Protocol I and Protocol II concerning civil defence.

In the second part of his book the author has assembled a whole series of documents relating to civil defence: resolutions adopted by the International Red Cross Conferences, declarations by other international organizations and institutions, the ICRC drafts for the additional Protocols, etc. Although these texts are already known, they are particularly interesting grouped together in this way, and their significance is accentuated.

Civil defence, the subject of Dr. Jakovljević's book, has assumed acute importance in the world of today, and the reader cannot fail to find his work extremely interesting.

G. BOUTHOU, R. CARRÈRE AND J. L. ANNEQUIN: GUERRES ET CIVILISATIONS ¹

The *Institut français de Polémologie* was founded in 1945 to scientifically study the subjects of wars, peaces, conflicts, collective aggressiveness and political violence. Previously our Review presented a

¹ *Guerres et civilisations (De la préhistoire à l'ère nucléo-spatiale)* "Wars and Civilizations (from prehistoric times to the nuclear and space age)" by G. Bouthoul, R. Carrère and J. L. Annequin, of the *Institut français de Polémologie*. Foreword by Jean Guilton of the Académie française. "Les Cahiers de la Fondation pour les études de défense nationale". Supplement to No 4 (4th quarter of 1979) for "Stratégique". In French only.

publication by this Institute entitled *Le défi de la guerre* (Paris, 1976), which is a study of relations between war and society in wars and revolutions during the last two centuries from 1740 to 1974.

Now *Guerres et civilisations* is a new publication which analyzes, over a very long period of time, from prehistory to the present day, relations and interactions between wars and civilizations.

Experience shows that wars deeply mark the bodies and minds of those who have lived through them. Personal experience and history have also provided sufficient evidence that states and empires grow or decline and disappear in battles and that wars transform societies. Civilizations are less tangible and less definable geographically than states or societies, and interactions between wars and civilizations are therefore less conspicuous; and yet such interactions do exist and this book deals with their discovery and mechanisms.

This historical study of the period ranging from prehistoric times to the present day is supplemented by an essay on the world conflict situation at the beginning of 1980 and on prospects for the coming twenty years; it is a most interesting text for it answers our immediate concerns.
