

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The *International Review of the Red Cross* would like to draw its readers' attention to the following recent publications:

● **Isaac Paenson, *English-French-Spanish-Russian Manual of the Terminology of the Law of Armed Conflicts and of International Humanitarian Organizations*** (foreword by Alexandre Hay, President of the ICRC when the book went to print; preface by Jean Pictet, honorary Vice-President of the ICRC, former Associate Professor at Geneva University, former Director of the Henry Dunant Institute), published for the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Henry Dunant Institute and the International Centre for the Terminology of the Social Sciences (Geneva), with the financial assistance of UNESCO, by Martinus Nijhoff, Dordrecht (English-speaking countries) and Bruylant, Brussels (for all other countries), 1989, 844 pages.

This Manual is the continuation of the *English-French-Spanish-Russian Manual of the Terminology of Public International Law (Law of Peace) and International Organizations*, published by Bruylant in 1983. It is based on the same principles and its structure is identical. As Alexandre Hay says in his foreword: "The original method employed by Dr. Paenson has allocated a double function to this Manual: first, to find for each term relating to the specialized sphere of the law of armed conflicts an equivalent in the three other languages of the Manual. This is the function of a glossary of terms; however, it is fulfilled better than usual because all terms are presented in their logical context. But, secondly, the book of Dr. Paenson also fulfils the traditional function of a Manual whose text may be read for its own sake in each of its languages and whose intrinsic value is great".

By the same token, Jean Pictet states in his preface: "The basic principle which characterizes Dr. Paenson's original method is the following: to present the terms to be defined in their natural context, thus applying the general theory of systems to terminology.... His manual may also be considered as a canvas for a model course of lectures on the Law of Armed Conflicts and many University professors teaching this subject could profitably draw their inspiration from it.... In conclusion I would like to pay tribute to the erudite and conscientious work of the author. Thanks to his vast experience, his profound knowledge of the subject matter and its terminology he created a Manual extremely well conceived and remarkable from any point of view."

The work is divided into three tomes and five books dealing with armed conflict between States (*jus ad bellum*—the right to resort to war; *jus in bello*—the laws and customs of war; the law of neutrality), non-international armed conflicts, and the International Red Cross (genesis and development of the International Red Cross, structure and functioning of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement).

● **Review 1988 of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.** The *Review* gives the facts and figures for what proved to be a record year for relief

operations. It also describes the initiatives taken by the League in the fields of health, development and training, peace and personnel management. An overview of the League's financial situation completes the picture of twelve months of work. (The *Review* may be obtained from the League Secretariat in *English, French, Spanish and Arabic*, and is free of charge for up to 100 copies.)

● ***The League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, 1919-1989.*** This 24-page, richly illustrated booklet was published to mark the 70th anniversary of the League, which came into being on 5 May 1919. Starting with the League's foundation by the American Henry P. Davison and five National Societies (France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the United States), it takes the reader through seven decades of humanitarian service, including the launching of over 1,000 appeals for assistance.

Particular attention is given to League activities during the typhus epidemic in Poland and the famine in Russia (1919-1921), the 1923 earthquake in Japan which left about 3 million people homeless, and the disastrous floods in China in 1931. After the Second World War, the League launched large-scale operations for Palestinian refugees (1948-1950), for the some 11,000 victims of mass poisoning with adulterated oil in Morocco in 1959-1961 and for Algerian refugees from 1958 to 1962. More recently, its work for the victims of drought in Africa (1984-1986) and the earthquake in Armenia (1988) is still present in our minds. (Available in *English, French, Spanish and Arabic*, free of charge for up to 10 copies; all additional copies 3 Swiss francs each.)

● ***Actio Humana*** is a new periodical put out by the Swiss Red Cross. Aimed at a wide readership, it sets out to explore the reaction of communities, groups and individuals to world events and to make people think about values which are not material but are nevertheless essential to the quality of life.

Subtitled "The Human Adventure", *Actio Humana* is especially interested in the underlying motives for human behaviour of all kinds and will deal with a specific theme each year. For 1989, it has chosen a topic of signal importance in human society: *communication*. The result is a series of articles on human relations in everyday life, contact with the sick, communication with animals, problems of lack of communication, the plight of autistic children, etc.

In the four issues to appear in 1989, this new periodical will examine different aspects of communication: *Seeking contact; The thirst to communicate; Grasping is understanding; Wanting to know*. The booklets complement each other and together constitute a complete file on the subject.

The periodical is richly illustrated and impeccably presented. (Four issues per year, in *French and German*; Swiss Red Cross, Rainmattstrasse 10, 3001 Bern; 10 Swiss francs per issue.)