

and Red Crescent Societies and the Henry Dunant Institute or, in some cases, from other academic institutions. In this respect, the reader will be struck by the great demand for documentation and scholarships.

To facilitate use of the book and enable the reader to find the information he requires, the profiles of academic institutions are followed by an index of countries, an index of academic institutions and an index of lecturers.

Two annexes contain, respectively, details of selected IHL courses and a list of works on IHL published by certain universities.

The Index, presented as a loose-leaf binder, will be periodically updated and supplemented with new details provided by academic sources and components of the Movement. It contains a wealth of information, mostly heretofore unpublished, and the ease with which it may be consulted will greatly facilitate the dissemination efforts of the National Societies and the work of teachers, students and anyone who is looking for the name and address of a lecturer or ideas for course programmes or research subjects.

Beyond its practical utility, the Index will undoubtedly stimulate co-operation between the Movement and academic institutions while further promoting knowledge and respect of IHL. This will not be the least of its merits.

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## NEWS AND REVIEWS

● The May-August 1988 issue of *Red Cross, Red Crescent*, the magazine of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies produced in association with the ICRC and the National Societies, features a cover story on the occupied territories. The article comprises a series of interesting reports on ICRC activities in the area since 1967 and particularly since the *intifada*, the uprising more commonly known as “the war of the stones”. The issue also describes a wide spectrum of events organized by many National Societies on the occasion of 8 May, World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. This year the celebration of 8 May took on particular significance as 1988 marks the Movement’s 125th Anniversary. Mention should also be made of an outstanding special report on the social services of the Algerian Red Crescent Society and the active participation of its volunteers.

● The *Military Law and Law of War Review*, vol. XXVI (4), 1987, contains a noteworthy series of papers on “Women in the armed forces” presented to the Committee on the History of Military Penal Law at the Tenth International Congress of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (Garmisch-Partenkirchen, October 1985), a Congress which focused on the theme “The armed forces in a changing society—Some legal problems”. The same issue offers an interesting study by Professor André G. de Busschere on “The humane treatment of women in times of armed conflict—Equality and the law of humanity”. After retracing the history of women’s role in war, the author analyses the evolution of rules prohibiting discrimination on grounds of sex in customary international law and the law of war.

● *Noria Magazine* a recently launched trimestrial review, specializes in disaster prevention, relief and humanitarian assistance. The first issue (January 1988) contains a special report on “Media and disaster”. The second issue (April 1988) discusses the problems of disaster survivors, the organization of relief work in large urban areas and the 125th Anniversary of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (*Noria Magazine*, 15, rue du Louvre, 75001 Paris—in French only).

● The *International Journal of Refugee Law*, a new journal published by Oxford University Press, is intended to stimulate research and thinking on refugee law. It also provides information on international treaties, State practice and action taken by the United Nations and other institutions with regard to refugee law. (IJRL, quarterly, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, UK—in English, French and Spanish), Oxford University Press also publishes, in association with the Refugee Studies Programme at the University of Oxford, the *Journal of Refugee Studies*. The purpose of the latter is to facilitate research on the problems of refugees, displaced persons and forced migration (JRS, quarterly, in English only).

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