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The President of Pakistan, General A. M. Yahya Khan, cabled the following message of sympathy:

" I am deeply shocked and grieved to hear about tragic crash of a C-144 cargo plane near Savar carrying relief materials from the Red Cross for the cyclone victims of East Pakistan, and the death of all its crew members. The accident is all the more tragic and poignant as it took place only a few miles from Dacca, when the plane was coming in to land. The crew members, who were on a mercy mission to relieve human misery and suffering, have given their lives in a noble cause. I express our deepest sympathies and grief on behalf of the people of Pakistan at this unfortunate accident. Please convey my sincere condolences and the condolences of my Government and the people of Pakistan to the members of the bereaved families."

From Dacca, Mr. Justice B. A. Siddiky, Chairman of the Pakistan Red Cross, also sent a message of sympathy:

" Deeply distressed tragic accidental plane crash which took lives of four crew men on Red Cross mission of aid to our country. Kindly transmit most sincere and heartfelt condolences to bereaved families and charter company."

The Foreign Affairs Minister and Home Secretary of Pakistan also sent messages of sympathy.

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It is very important for National Societies to make known to a wide public in their countries, through the medium of the press, radio, television or publications of their own, those important legal provisions which lay down the principles underlying

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Red Cross action. Recognizing this, the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany has published a book containing various official texts and also an in-depth theoretical study from the pen of Mr. Anton Schlägel, the Society's Secretary-General.¹ *International Review* took pleasure a few months ago in quoting extracts from the book which analyses the problem of protecting the victims of non-international armed conflicts.

The book quotes an interesting speech delivered in Berlin in 1969 by Mr. Walter Bargatzky, President of the National Society, on the Red Cross and its efforts to prevent war, and also gives the speeches made at the opening session of the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross, which we reproduced in November 1969.

Mr. H. Platz discusses an important question which was on the agenda of the Istanbul Conference: the protection of medical establishments. Finally, Mr. Schlägel broadly outlines the work of the conference and the mission incumbent on the Red Cross today as defined in conference resolutions, which the book quotes in full.

¹ *Schutz des Menschen — Schach dem Krieg*, German Red Cross, *Schriftenreihe Nr. 43*, Bonn, 164 pp.