

IONEL CLOȘCA: HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER ¹

The author of this closely-packed and extensively documented book analyses the changes that have occurred in recent years on the scene of international armed conflicts, their impact on international law in general and humanitarian law in particular, and the role and functions of humanitarian law in the frame of the new international order.

The chapter headings are a useful indication of the steps in Dr. Ionel Cloșca's thinking: Humanitarian law in history—From classical wars to international conflicts—The new types of armed conflicts and international law—Weapons of mass destruction and their prohibition—The new code for the protection of the civilian population—The new status of the wounded and sick—The purposes of humanitarian law in the frame of the new international order.

We would like to mention, too, that Dr. Ionel Cloșca is preparing a "Small dictionary of international humanitarian law for members of the armed forces", which is expected to be issued soon.

A recent ICRC publication:

*The International Committee of the Red Cross
and its Activities in the World*

Original text by Michel Testuz, chief-editor of the International Review of the Red Cross.

Illustrations taken from ICRC records.

A 96-page album containing a commentary in both English and French, with 103 illustrations, about half of which are in colour. Geneva, ICRC, 1980. Price: 8 Swiss francs or 5 US dollars.

¹ Dr. Ionel Cloșca: *Dreptul umanitar și noua ordine internațională*. București, Editura militară, 1978, 240 pages.