

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

HOWARD S. LEVIE: PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS¹

There are, of course, in addition to the seventeen-volume *Official Records* of the 1974-77 Diplomatic Conference, a number of books and articles which set out to present and describe part or all of the two June 1977 Protocols. Mr. Levie's book, with no comments, gives in chronological order and easily accessible form for nearly every article of Protocol I all relevant conference documents, including some not contained in the *Official Records*. So that the book could be kept to a reasonable size, some lesser articles of the Protocol have been dealt with very briefly.

This method of presentation will no doubt be useful as a ready reference instead of the cumbersome *Official Records*. Its clear and methodic layout will frequently dispense with the need for long and uncertain research through a pile of documents.

This first volume of a series is noteworthy as much for the immense amount of work it undoubtedly entailed as for the invaluable service it will render to research workers and anyone concerned with the 1977 Protocol I. Three further volumes are expected to be issued in 1980 and 1981.

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¹Howard S. Levie, *Protection of War Victims: Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions*, Vol. I, XXX + 542 pp., Oceana Publications, New York, 1979.