

Recent publications

Eric A. Belgrad and Nitza Nachmias, *The politics of international humanitarian aid operations*, Praeger, Westport (Connecticut) and London, 1997, 220 pp.

Several authors examine current problems concerning international humanitarian aid, including the debate surrounding intervention on humanitarian grounds in internal conflicts.

Pierre Boissier, *De Solferino a Tsushima: Historia del Comité Internacional de la Cruz Roja*, Henry Dunant Institute and International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, 1963/1997, 510 pp.

This is the Spanish-language edition of the first volume of the history of the ICRC by Pierre Boissier, published in 1963 in French and in 1985 in English.

Major Michael J. Kelly, *Peace operations: Tackling the military, legal and policy challenges*, Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra, 1997

The author is a legal officer in the Australian armed forces who took part in the United Nations peace-keeping operations in Somalia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In this book he examines issues of international law, including the applicability of humanitarian law, which arose during the UN operations, notably in Somalia.

Andrei Siperco, *Crucea Rosie Internationala si Romania in perioada celui de-al doilea razboi mondial (1 septembrie 1939 - 23 august 1944)*, Editura Enciclopedica, Bucharest, 1997, 302 pp. — with summaries in French and English.

This book by a Romanian historian examines the ICRC's humanitarian work in Romania during the Second World War. The author describes how ICRC delegates were able to help prisoners of war belonging to the Western Allied forces and the country's Jewish population.

Daniel Warner (ed.), *Human rights and humanitarian law: The quest for universality*, Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague/London/Boston, 1997, 145 pp.

This is a compilation of texts prepared by different authors for a symposium held in 1995 in Geneva.

Thomas G. Weiss, David Cortright, George A. Lopez and Larry Minear (eds), *Political gain and civilian gain: Humanitarian impacts of economic sanctions*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Lanham/New York/Boulder/Oxford, 1997, 277 pp.

In view of the growing trend to impose economic sanctions, several authors explore the consequences they have for the civilian population of targeted States and try to answer the question whether the objectives pursued by such coercive measures justify the suffering they inflict on civilians. The book is rounded off by analyses of the sanctions imposed on South Africa, Iraq, the former Yugoslavia and Haiti.

Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade and Christophe Swinarski (eds), *Héctor Gros Espiell — Amicorum Liber: Persona humana y derecho internacional/Personne humaine et droit international/The human person and international law*, Bruylant, Brussels, 1997, 1878 pp.

A collection of texts paying tribute to Professor Héctor Gros Espiell, several of which deal with questions relating to international humanitarian law.

***Entre urgence et développement: Pratiques humanitaires en questions*, under the direction of Claire Pirotte and Bernard Husson, Éditions Karthala, Paris, 1997, 237 pp.**

What type of aid should be given when the situation in the field calls for a combination of emergency assistance and development work? This book contains a series of contributions and suggestions reflecting the experience of various non-governmental organizations.

Daphne A. Reid and Patrick F. Gilbo (eds), *Beyond conflict: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, 1919-1994*, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, 1997, 351 pp.

An illustrated history of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the umbrella organization of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Pablo Antonio Fernandez Sanchez (coordinator), *La licitud del uso de las armas nucleares en los conflictos armados*, IV Jornadas de Derecho Internacional Humanitario, University of Huelva/University of Seville/Spanish Red Cross/Ministry of Defence, Seville, 1997, 321 pp.

This book contains the proceedings of the fourth Session on International Humanitarian Law organized by the universities of Huelva and Seville. Several authors look at the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of nuclear weapons from the standpoint of international humanitarian law.

Claude Emanuelli (ed.), *Les casques bleus: policiers ou combattants/Blue Helmets: policemen or combatants*, Faculty of Law, Department of Civil Law, University of Ottawa, Wilson and Lafleur Ltée, Montreal, 1997, 130 pp.

This publication is a compilation of papers presented at a symposium. The authors examine a number of questions surrounding operations carried out by the Blue Helmets and how international humanitarian law applies to their work.

Abdulhay Sayed, *Quand le droit est face à son néant, Le droit à l'épreuve de l'emploi de l'arme nucléaire*, Bruylant, Brussels, 1998, 203 pp.

The author looks at the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the use of nuclear weapons. One chapter deals specifically with the applicability of international humanitarian law in the event of their use.

Anne-Marie La Rosa, *Dictionnaire de droit international pénal, Termes choisis*, Presses universitaires de France, Paris, 1998, 118 pp.

In about 100 pages, the author defines or describes 33 terms from “*aut dedere aut judicare*” to “violations of the laws and customs of war”, which come under both international humanitarian law and international criminal law. This is not just a dictionary; it explains and comments briefly on a few important legal principles relating to the penal repression of serious violations of humanitarian law.

It would be most useful if this work could be translated into English.
