

IN THE RED CROSS WORLD

COURSES ON THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT

In response to a wish frequently expressed by National Red Cross Societies that wide training be provided in the law of armed conflict, and pursuant to resolution 2852 (XXVI) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, calling upon " all States to disseminate widely information and to provide instruction concerning human rights in armed conflicts ", the Henry Dunant Institute associated itself with the International Institute of Human Rights (René Cassin Foundation) and last year decided to hold a first series of courses on the law of armed conflict.¹

Several National Societies manifested interest, and some of their officials attended the session held in Strasbourg from 3 to 21 July 1972, which assembled 140 persons from sixty countries. Many Societies also asked to be informed about the course on the law of armed conflict and to be apprised of the text of the lectures. The Henry Dunant Institute has therefore decided to publish the lectures in separate volumes.

In co-operation with the International Institute of Human Rights (René Cassin Foundation), the Henry Dunant Institute is this year organizing a second series of courses on the law of armed conflict, to be held in Strasbourg from 2 to 20 July 1973. Lectures will be delivered by leading figures from different countries, on the following subjects:

¹ See *International Review of the Red Cross*, September, 1972.

The Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights

(Mr. G. Best, Professor at Edinburgh University)

Non-International Armed Conflict and Human Rights

(Mr. I. Blishchenko, Professor at the Institute of International Relations, Moscow)

The International Committee of the Red Cross and its Delegations

(Mr. J. Moreillon, ICRC Delegate-General, Geneva)

The Protection of the Civilian Population during Armed Conflict

(Mr. A. Cassese, Professor of International Law at the University of Pisa)

National and International Repression of Violations of the Law of Armed Conflicts

(Mr. B. Roeling, Professor at the University of Groningen)

The courses will be followed by seminars and study groups on the application of humanitarian law. The documents relating to this series of courses on human rights and the law of armed conflict are being sent to National Societies and to Faculties of Law and Political Science the world over.¹

Lebanon

Many and useful are the activities of the Lebanese Red Cross. The following article, written by Miss Françoise Bory, ICRC press attaché, after a recent visit to that Society, shows this very clearly.

Any attempt at a brief description of the activities of the Lebanese Red Cross would be doomed to failure because those

¹ Various institutes and organizations are providing scholarships on this occasion. The Henry Dunant Institute is offering two scholarships of Fr. Fr. 500 each, to cover the cost of the stay at Strasbourg University, and two scholarships of Fr.Fr. 250 each. Further particulars can be obtained from the National Society of each country or direct from the Henry Dunant Institute, 3 rue de Varembe, 1202 Geneva. Requests for admission should reach the Henry Dunant Institute not later than 15 May 1973.