

DISSEMINATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS

COLOMBIA

One of the ICRC's principal tasks is to promote, to the fullest possible extent, a better knowledge of the Geneva Conventions in all countries and among all sections of the population. Particular emphasis is placed on giving instruction, in this respect, to young people. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we bring to the notice of our readers the introduction by the University of Santo Tomas in Bogotá of a course in international humanitarian law given at the Faculty of Law and Political Science by the dean himself. The syllabus is divided into several sections, to include, inter alia, the following subjects: elements of the Law of The Hague and of the Law of Geneva; development of humanitarian thought; the Red Cross Principles; an analytical approach to the four Geneva Conventions; the tasks of the Central Tracing Agency.

That the teaching of international humanitarian law, which is being carried out in the universities of several different countries, has now been introduced also in Latin America is most welcome.

SPAIN

The Spanish Red Cross has just issued a booklet entitled "Principios y Convenios internacionales". It is attractively presented in colour and well illustrated. The booklet, which constitutes a most useful effort on the part of the National Society to disseminate the Red Cross Principles and the Geneva Conventions, is distributed to members of the armed forces.

The subjects dealt with include the Geneva Conventions and their application, and the protection of prisoners of war and of the wounded and sick, today and in the past. The problem of providing relief on an international scale and the question of ever more powerful means of waging war threatening civilian populations are also mentioned.

MOROCCO

This year, the Moroccan Red Crescent Society took advantage of World Red Cross Day not only to illustrate by practical means the theme "Give blood—save life", but also to carry out a campaign for the "Dissemination of the Principles of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent", through the press and audio-visual media, with the co-operation of the Ministry of National Education.

Lectures were given and posters illustrating the standardization of the dimensions of the red crescent emblem were distributed to schoolchildren and students. More than 20,000 copies of the textbook "The Red Crescent and My Country", in Arabic and French, were handed to headmasters and school teachers, who drew upon it to give on 8 May a lesson on the Red Crescent in all Moroccan schools.