

is, as I have just suggested, a false one: but it is none the less powerful propaganda, and worth thinking over.

To the extent that there is selflessness in large-scale social organization and action, your Red Cross takes a prominent place among those groups which embody it. For this reason the Red Cross has rightly earned universal admiration and respect. I hope you will not think me incurably political if I suggest that the selfless attitudes which your organization embodies also serve an all-important political purpose, in our objective of trying to make a tolerably good neighbourhood of this planet: for it is men's real attitudes to life, and to our fellow-men, which for good or evil are contagious, and which thereby shape the future. It is these attitudes which can spark chain reactions either of distrust and fear or of creative harmony. The influence of the Red Cross is a powerful factor on the side of creative harmony.

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