

Canada has in the past come out in full support of Israel's position. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Canadian Red Cross who have consistently refused to support Israel's inclusion in the International Society. The International Red Cross is an organization within which Canada has influence and prestige.

This insult to the Jewish people should not be allowed to continue. Because Canada would never allow any of its citizens to be treated as second class members of our society on the basis of their religion, it should not allow an organization as important as the Red Cross to discriminate in this way. Canada has the ability to work with other nations to bring about the recognition of the Red Star of David. Denying entry of the Magen David Adom into the International Red Cross is being used as a political weapon to attack the legitimacy of the Jewish State. It is, however, in Canada's own interest to support another U.N. sovereign state and a friendly ally of Canada. The same techniques which we have begun to use in the U.N. could be applied to the Red Cross. Canada in concert with other nations could help to rectify the injustice which is now being practised against the Israeli emblem.