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This Article presents a short history of the prisoner exchange arrangements between the German Democratic Republic (GDR) and the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). The author analyzes the legality of the prisoner exchange arrangement under a series of formal international agreements and under generally accepted principles of international law. From this analysis emerges a two-pronged conclusion. First, the intra-German exchange arrangements, as such, probably do not violate international law, and second, although the framework of the arrangement itself may pass judicial inspection, it is anchored upon a bedrock of flagrant human rights violations. The author proposes, as a possible solution to these problems, an international covenant against state trafficking in human beings for material and political concessions.

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This Article focuses on the human rights at issue in internal conflicts. It is concerned with the right of individuals to be protected and assisted in situations of internal armed conflict and other internal situations such as political troubles and tensions. The author makes specific reference to both human rights in general and human rights in armed conflict. This Article explores the following questions: 1) what are modern political trends concerning internal conflict? 2) what are modern legal trends concerning internal conflict? and, 3) what do very recent events tell us about politics and law of human rights in internal conflict? The author concludes that recent developments involving the International Committee of the Red Cross demonstrate reasons for both optimism and pessimism on the progressive efforts of human rights protection.

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Since the end of World War II, economically motivated international orga-

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