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Washington — (RNS) — Survival of strong family ties among Vietnamese refugees was depicted here as one of the major elements of hope in coping with the homeless war victims who are expected to number one million by the end of 1965.

An analysis of the refugee situation and the measures now being taken to meet their needs was presented in a comprehensive report of American voluntary agency representatives. The team of seven relief experts visited Vietnam at the request of President Johnson to make recommendations for future handling of the problem.

The report, released here by Vice President Humphrey, stressed the effective help now being given the refugees by Vietnamese and U.S. government services and by voluntary agencies, and called for further expansion of these programs.

"Repeated evidence of strong family ties among the refugees" was noted in the report of the American relief experts as "one major element of cohesion in this otherwise war-torn group of people" and as a "source of strength and promise for the future."

The U.S. survey team, in visiting refugee centers and in conferences with governmental and voluntary agency workers in Vietnam, found that the refugees "invariably moved in family, village and hamlet groups, with recognized leadership that had authority in the camps and were an effective channel for assistance. Individual families and groups were

frequently taken in by relatives in secure areas."

Within the refugee centers, family groups retain their identity, preparing their food together and constructing their own huts, the team found. "We were told they were finding employment on their own initiative," the report continued. "The team felt this was a remarkable demonstration of a basic source of strength among the Vietnamese people."

"We salute these distressed individuals for their continuing loyalty in the patterns of their own family life and acknowledge that the readiness of the refugees to help themselves is a strong reason for the team's belief that the whole problem is manageable."

The report called on all those working with the refugee situation to recognize this strength and seek to build on it, especially since, in addition to the pressures of war, these people are now being subjected to and will increasingly be influenced by "the rapid social changes that are only now just beginning in South Vietnam."

The refugee population was described in the report as including "many of the chronically poor... many of the dependents of Vietnamese military personnel who traditionally follow their men in service... predominantly children and women together with older men and others not eligible for military service."

Among the nearly 700,000 now displaced are entire villages. Others come as religious groups — Buddhist, Catholic,

Protestant or other. "Some leave land of their own; others have always been tenants or deposed. Most all comprise a marginal economic group who have never had assured livelihood. Many are weary and worn from 25 years of armed conflict over their land, permitting them little peace or quiet or assurance for their families..."

"They are a disillusioned, skeptical people, who accept aid from both government and voluntary sources, but who will have to be convinced over a period of time before they genuinely resettle in reasonably normal pursuits of their own."

"Consequently," the report stressed, "there is danger that this large group of the population of South Vietnam may, through fatigue and disillusion, become permanent wards."

The team found a "constant ebb and flow" among the refugees with an estimated 250,000 already resettled in secured areas. For the most part they have fled villages where mounting Vietcong pressures have become too great or regions raked by U.S. and Vietnamese artillery and aerial bombardment.

Turning to those who work with the refugees, the survey team in its report "commends

warmly both government and voluntary agency representatives for the good job presently being done. ... Such performance is remarkable in the adverse conditions of a crowded, foreign, tropical, hot, rainy situation, under the severe dangers of active warfare, sniping, and sabotage even within secure areas."

Both the Vietnamese and the U.S. government, the team noted, "regard refugees as an 'asset' rather than as a liability." Both seek to foster "growing confidence among (refugees) in the capability and intent of the Vietnamese government to be their servant and thus to win ever-growing support of the present government."

The report pointed out that "one of the military objectives of U.S. forces is to 'win the populace.' This is already being demonstrated by special military 'civic action' units-in-training (and the team met several of these in action) whose assignment is to seek out and care for refugees and others in need."

While the government recognizes and accepts its responsibility for the refugees, the voluntary agencies have a role that is recognized as "significant

and necessary, in the judgment of all, including the Vietnamese."

These agencies serve "pockets of need" and special categories that tend to be neglected in the mass government programs. They also frequently provide direct people-to-people relationships in circumstances where government programs could not operate easily.

"There should be no slackening of support for both types of activity, governmental and private, especially since they are working in increasingly close and effective collaboration," the report stressed.

Transportation of supplies continues to be the "continuing bottleneck" in the refugee program as in most other aspects of life in Vietnam. Because of widespread Viet Cong penetration throughout the countryside, surface transportation is not possible. Air transport, the report noted, "is limited, expensive and subject to military priority." Plans are underway, the team learned, for additional civilian airlift and for coastal shipping to help alleviate the need.

The report cited the need of government and voluntary agencies for "additional workers skilled in a variety of disciplines.

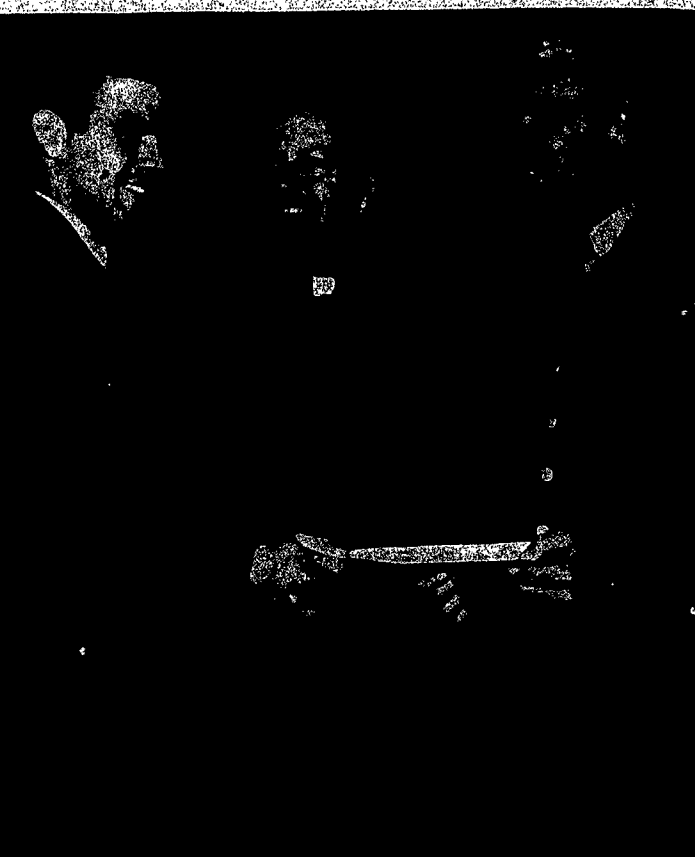
"These include doctors, nurses, and other medical and public health personnel; camp assistants and other administrative people to keep accounts, handle transportation, prepare necessary records, and reports and perform the necessary work to administer programs responsibly; social welfare, agricultural and community development personnel."

"These were requested unhesitatingly by Vietnamese government officials, by U.S. civil and military officers, and by the voluntary groups themselves."

The survey team was headed by Hugh D. Farley, associate secretary of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

Other members were Msgr. John F. McCarthy, Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference; Bernard A. Conner, Lutheran World Relief; Judge Robert W. Hansen, CARE, Inc.; Willard Krabill, M.D., Mennonite Central Committee; John C. Whitehead, International Rescue Committee; and Ugo Carusi, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

They were accompanied by George Goss, Vietnam Refugee Relief Coordinator of the U.S. State Department Agency for International Development.



Local Man Wins ROTC Grant

Niagara University—The Very Rev. Kenneth F. Slatery, C.M., president of Niagara University, center, and Lt. Col. Thomas V. McKeon, right, professor of military science there, congratulate one of the initial awardees of ROTC scholarships to the university, Cadet Neal J. Delsanti, Rochester.

The scholarship, awarded by the U.S. Army covers tuition, textbooks and fees and provides an allowance of \$5.00 per month for the duration of the award. Delsanti's home is at 18 Bright Oaks Circle in Rochester.

New Seminary Program Planned For Jesuits

Weston, Mass. — (RNS) — The dean of the school of philosophy at Weston College, a house of studies for Jesuit seminarians, has announced a plan to break with traditional methods in educating candidates for the priesthood.

"What this means in an age which demands specialization and in a religious body so involved in education both at home and on the missions is very clear. This integration with the student body of the university will result in social, psychological, academic, and spiritual profit for both the seminarians and the lay students."

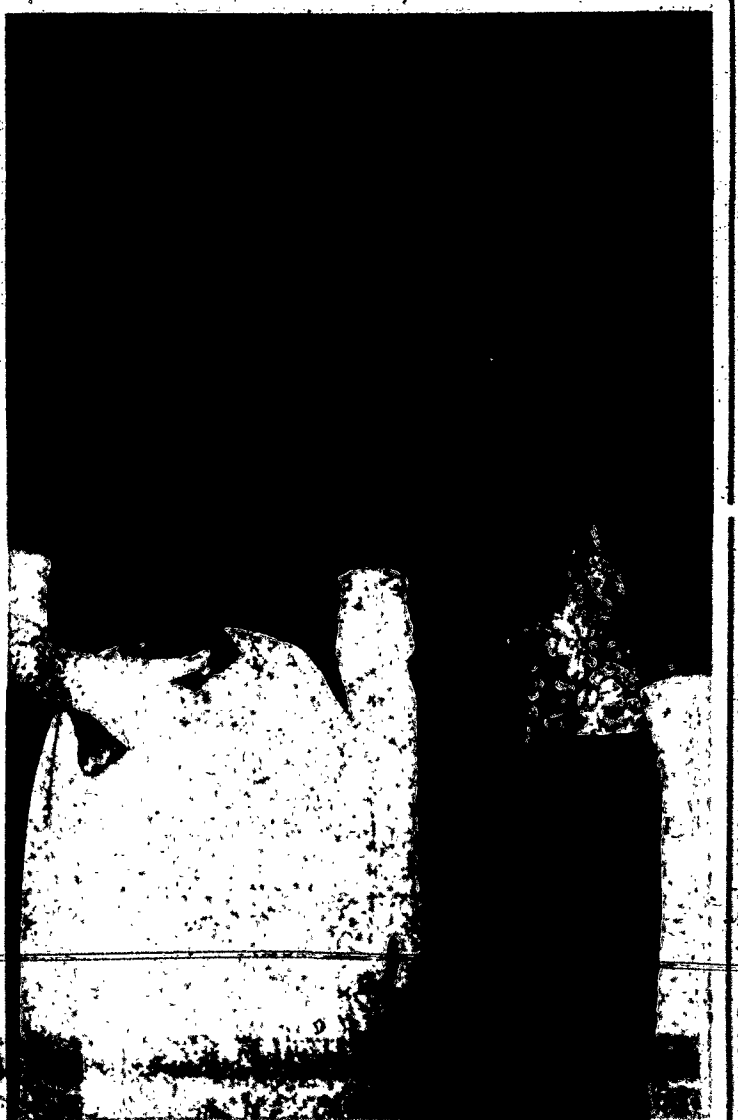
Father Reginald O'Neill, S.J., disclosed that 96 Jesuit seminarians at Weston will commute to Boston College, a Jesuit university some 20 miles from here, for an integrated course of studies with other students on the co-educational campus.

He noted that students of philosophy and theology have prepared for the priesthood at Weston since 1922. With the opening of this academic year, however, philosophy students will take all their courses at Boston College campus.

The priest explained that technically the "Boston College School of Philosophy at Weston" will remain, as it has been, a distinct school within the university complex, with its own dean, faculty and student world.

Reds Blamed

Springfield, Mo. — (RNS) — The ultra-fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches condemned the "God is dead" theological movement here as a "denial of Christian truth" giving aid to the Communist.



Blue Danube at Nazareth

Elaine Hogan and Patricia Hoag are ready for the Blue Danube Ball at Nazareth College, Saturday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. A continental breakfast will be served at midnight. Chairmen are Sheila Connolly and Sue Lenklewicz.

Campaign Nears Goal

(Continued from Page 1) the priests, nuns and lay leaders of tomorrow.

"Their preparation for life," the Bishop continued, "must involve not only academic excellence but also the development of a sound conscience and a deep devotion to God."

He termed the campaign "one of the most important appeals I have made in my 28 years as your bishop." It is the largest single financial objective ever undertaken in the Diocese.

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Freedom Now For Dutch Jesuit

Amsterdam — (NC) — Dutch Jesuit Father J.C. Van Kilsdonk, S.J., restricted for criticizing the Roman curia, is again free to write and speak on the structure and administration of the Church.

The ban that was put on him three years ago by the late general of the Society of Jesus, Father Jan Janssens, S.J., has been lifted by the Jesuits' new general, Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

In September, 1962, Father Van Kilsdonk, chaplain of Catholic students at the Municipal University of Amsterdam, gave a speech to the Adalbert Society, national organization of Dutch intellectuals. In it he was critical of the Roman curia, the central administration of the Church, and particularly scored the "spiritual terrorism" of the Holy Office.

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