

Cambodia

CRS Sees Refugee Number Doubling Within the Month

Catholic Relief Services, the official Catholic agency from the U.S. aiding the refugees in Cambodia, last week published the first detailed report on the situation in and around that country, focussing on CRS operations there.

The report notes that "two changes in the political and military situation in the area have necessitated a change in the CRS program. Fighting has escalated at the border and Thailand is now allowing Cambodians to enter freely. CRS has responded ... by setting up three centers some 50 miles inside the Thailand border. These primitive camps provide shelter, medicine and solace for 100,000 refugees." That number, the report states, is expected to

swell to 250,000 within a month.

Joseph S. Curtin, Jr. CRS program director in Thailand described the scene as "like something out of the Crimean War." He said that "many have died, due to disease, hunger and exposure to the sun and rain." The report states that "When an adult dies, several children become 'instant orphans' and are cared for by the camp medical teams and volunteer clergy members. Catholic Relief Services cares for 300 orphans in one center alone, and is the only agency operating child welfare projects for Cambodians in Thailand."

To date, the report says, the CRS effort for the Cambodian refugees is valued at \$1.6 million.



RANALLI

Seminary Appoints Layman

Edward F. Ranalli, Jr., has been named Director of Admissions for St. Bernard's Seminary. The post is newly created.

According to Father Frank Lioi, rector, Ranalli will be responsible for the student recruitment program, including recruitment of candidates for the priestly formation program for St. Bernard's and Becket Hall. In addition, Father Lioi said, Ranalli will work with the Director of Continuing Education to identify and recruit religious and lay students for the seminary.

Ranalli is a graduate of Parsons College, and is a candidate for an MA in Educational Administration at SUC Brockport.

Area Man Will Aid Cambodians

Edward Amos, a disaster worker with the local Red Cross, was scheduled to leave Rochester today on his way to some Cambodian refugee camp or hospital. He will be a logistical supply officer with a medical team consisting of a doctor and five registered nurses.

The Rochester-Monroe County Red Cross reported that 15 such teams would be dispatched during December by the American Red Cross, to take part in the Cambodian refugee relief effort. Red Cross societies of other nations are providing 33 teams.

After briefings at ARC headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Americans will leave Dec. 8 for Bangkok, Thailand, where they will receive their assignments.

Amos, a 1973 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, has been with

the local Red Cross since February and has served as a mass care worker on a national disaster assignment in Tampa, Fla., and in mass care planning during the Three Mile Island crisis in

Harrisburg, Pa. Trained as an advanced emergency medical technician, he has worked as a paramedic with an ambulance company here and, as a volunteer, with the Henrietta Ambulance Corps.

Local Campaign

The diocesan campaign for Cambodian Relief has passed the \$55,000 mark as of last Friday. Father Joseph Reinhart, chief of the diocesan Missions Office, said, "I am very grateful to the people of the diocese who are pulling together to help our brothers and sisters who are in such dire need."

Persons wishing to donate funds for the starving in Cambodia have been asked to contact:

Cambodia Relief 123 East Ave. Rochester, N.Y. 14604

Deaths

Porter Chandler, 80; Legal Expert

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Porter Chandler Nov. 10 in St. Mary's Church, Geneseo.

Mr. Chandler, a New York City lawyer, died Nov. 6, 1979, at his home in Piffard. He was 80 years old.

Twenty-three years ago, his work for this diocese cleared the way for the construction of St. Thomas More Church and its school on East Avenue, in a suit against the Brighton Planning Board that went to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals. Mr. Chandler, who had been associated with the firm of Davis Polk and Wardwell since 1929, represented parochial school parents in the 1947 Everson case that resulted in a Supreme Court ruling requiring New Jersey to pay the cost of bus transportation for non-public school children. The Archdiocese of New York was among his clients.

Mr. Chandler was appointed to the New York City Board of Higher Education in 1952 and again in 1961, when he served as chairman. He was born on a farm near Buffalo and educated at Harvard College, Oxford University and Columbia University Law School. He was an infantry private in World War I and an Army Air Force captain in World War II, serving as a combat intelligence officer in North Africa. Later, he was with the War Department General Staff in Washington.

Survivors are two daughters, Judith Marion Houston and Mary Wadsworth Jackson, and a son, David Porter Chandler.

The funeral Mass, presided over by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, was offered by Father Walter Carron, pastor of the Geneseo parish. Burial was on the grounds of the Abbey of the Genesee, Piffard.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Francis last Saturday.

Two of Mr. Brien's four daughters are School-Sisters of Notre Dame and a third

Concelebrants included Fathers Robert Kanka, Charles Latus, Michael Mahler, Thomas Statt and Walter Wainwright. Father James Fox, retired abbot of the Trappist monastery in Gethsemani, Ky., was homilist. Father Stephen Leahy, prior of the Piffard abbey, and Father Martin Boler, prior of Mt. Saviour in Pine City, also were present.

R.T. Brien

Raymond T. Brien of Orange Street, who was maintenance man at St. Francis of Assisi parish for 32 years, died Nov. 28, 1979, at the age of 81.

also is a parochial school teacher. They are Sister Mary Virginia Brien of St. Margaret Mary School, Sister Mary Louise, principal at St. Boniface, and Dolores Brien of the St. Theodore faculty. Also surviving are his widow, Lucille, daughter Linda Marie (Mrs. Raymond) Contrino, and two grand daughters, Cathleen and Kristine Contrino.

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