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Viet Girl Talks of Her Marriage Ad

Saigon

An ad in the Saigon Post yesterday read: "Fairly pretty high school girl, 18, of well-to-do family, seeks with foreigner of American, French, British, German or other nationality who would take her abroad legally to enable her to continue her college studies outside Vietnam at her own expense. Please telephone: 45470."

The number was dialed and the caller identified himself as a news correspondent. This is how the conversation went:

I noticed your ad. Could you tell me a little about yourself?"

"I can't tell you my name because you will announce my name to everybody."

"Why do you want to get out of the country?"

"Because I want to study."

"Yes, but is there some other reason?"

"Only this reason."

"Are you afraid of the Viet Cong?"

"A little."

"But I gather from your ad that your real reason would be to escape the threat to the city now."

"Yes, because we are very afraid of the Viet Cong. They will kill our family."

"Why do you think they will kill your family?"

"Because we are from Hanoi."

"You are North Vietnamese. Your ad says your family is well-to-do."

"Yes. We are not very rich, but we have enough."

"Are you seeking a serious marriage or a contract marriage?"

"I don't know. If he wants

to marry me, if he likes me, I will marry him. And if he doesn't like me, we will divorce, you understand."

"But what if you don't like him? Would you accept somebody you don't like simply to get out of the country?"

"Yes."

"But let us say that he liked you and you did not like him. Would you be . . .?"

"I know I will like him. I will like (nobody)."

"And you would stay married to him?!"

"Yes."

"But if he didn't like you, would divorce him?"

"Yes."

"If a man came to you and offered to take you out of the country, would you pay him for this contract marriage?"

"Oh no, no."

"Is it just for yourself, or do you want to take your family with you?"

"I want to take my family with me?"

"And who is your family?"

"I do have two brothers and my parents."

"Do you have another brothers living abroad?"

"Yes, I have two brothers in America."

"Have many men called you?"

"About six or seven."

"Are they American or French or what?"

"They are not American. They are Chinese, Indian, Korean, German."

"Are you interested in any of them?"

"No, because they don't find a way to bring my family to go abroad."

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