

... Yet much of press cites our 'obligation'

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Americans are morally obligated to welcome Vietnam refugees and to provide them with shelter, food, clothing and jobs. That's what many of the nation's newspapers are saying.

"The refugees are living reminders of none-too-glorious past," the Tulsa Tribune said in an editorial. "They also are walking testimony to the fact that this is the only nation that would accept them. That should be a source of pride."

The Los Angeles Times said the estimated \$500 million cost of resettling the refugees "is an appropriate

investment for the federal government, for this is a national obligation."

The Washington Post said some of the refugees are "corrupt generals, failed politicians, greedy businessmen with satchels of gold" but that they still have a claim to American refuge. "For, like it or not, the United States did invest its political fortunes in those people. Some larger number of the newest Americans, however, can be said to be honest and conscientious Vietnamese who believed in their cause and who associated with Americans out of concern for their own country for something other than personal gain."