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\$156,000 in Food Offered for 600 Viet Sponsors

Pillsbury Also Pledges Training and Jobs for Refugees

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The Pillsbury Co. announced yesterday that it will donate \$156,000 worth of food to 600 American families who sponsor a Vietnamese refugee family.

In addition, Pillsbury board chairman William H. Spoor said that Burger King, a Pillsbury subsidiary, "will offer on-the-job training and jobs to 150 Vietnamese refugees interested in working in fast-food restaurants."

Spoor, in a brief statement at the State Department, said, "It is our hope that this effort will inspire others in the private sector to do what they can to help."

The offer of jobs and a four-month food supply for family groups of 12 persons which Pillsbury said is worth about \$260 each came as the inter-agency task force, which was established to coordinate programs for Vietnamese refugees, was still struggling to move large numbers of refu-

gees out of the packed camps in this country.

Private firms, including Pillsbury, have offered about 1,000 jobs through the State Department, according to a task force spokesman. He said 12,000 sponsors have offered to provide food, housing and other essentials for Vietnamese families until they can find jobs and housing.

L. Dean Brown, head of the task force, has estimated that 30,000 to 35,000 jobs will be needed for the 125,000 refugees expected to settle in the United States.

One principal source of jobs for refugees has been companies that employed Vietnamese in Vietnam. "Almost all American firms who got people cut have said they will give them jobs," the task force spokesman said.

Those firms include Citibank (First National City Bank of New York), Exxon and a Gulf Oil subsidiary, he added.

Frolic Footwear, an Arkansas sporting goods manufacturer, has offered to hire 100 Vietnamese but is having trouble finding adequate housing for them, he said. A canning plant south of Salisbury, Md., has offered to hire 100 Vietnamese the spokesman said.

In addition, various cities, states and private organizations have offered to sponsor refugees and to help them find jobs.

Beyond these offers of jobs and sponsorship, other firms have donated goods or services. Campbell Soups donated a carload of soup, which will be used at Ft. Chaffee, Ark.,

one of the three refugee camps. The MacMillan Publishing Co. is planning to print a phrase and orientation book for the refugees.

American commercial airlines are flying refugees with little or no money either free or at substantially reduced fares.

General Mills, according to the spokesman, is discussing "some kind" of direct aid for the refugees.

"I know we could place 10,000 farm workers," the spokesman said, explaining that a continuing shortage of domestic farm workers, coupled with increasing pressure from the Immigration and Naturalization Service on farmers who employ migrant labor, has created a shortage.

Most job offers received by the State Department have been for workers who would be paid \$2 to \$3 an hour for jobs that would provide employment for about 42 weeks a year. These jobs will be acceptable, the spokesman said, as long as the private, voluntary agencies that are arranging resettlement of refugees make sure they are not exploited.

Despite the offers of jobs, refugees continue to emerge from the camps at a rate of only 200 to 300 a day. According to Brown, the security checks required to be completed by the FBI, the Defense and State departments, the CIA and the Drug Enforcement Administration have slowed the process. Brown said yesterday that records have now been computerized and that his goal of releasing 2,000 to 3,000 refugees a day would be met within a matter of days.

U.S. Won't Remove 40,000 From Island

Associated Press

As many as 40,000 persons who fled from the Communist takeover of South Vietnam remain on Phnuquoc Island in the Gulf of Siam, but the United States has no intention of trying to pick them up, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The subject of Phnuquoc's refugees was raised among members of the National Security Council in recent days

and an informal decision was made that nothing can be done to help them, a White House source said.

"Phnuquoc is part of South Vietnam and the people there are Vietnamese. It would be a violation of Vietnam's integrity to go in there," he said. "There is no way we can rescue them short of an invasion."

Some reports have said that a number of foreigners, mostly nuns and priests, are among the refugees on Phnuquoc. But U.S. officials said they knew of no Americans in the group.

"All we know is that it is a composite group, a lot of ex-soldiers, civilians and some religious types," one official said. He added that it was not known whether Communist forces or officials have actually taken control of the island.

Phnuquoc is about 25 miles west of the Vietnamese coast and eight miles from the Cambodian mainland. Despite its closer proximity to Cambodia and occasional ownership disputes, it is a part of Vietnam