

**SAIGON ASKS U.N. AID
IN REFUGEE RETURN**

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GENEVA, May 26 — The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announced today that the new Government of South Vietnam had requested his assistance in organizing the repatriation of all Vietnamese refugees wanting to return to their homeland.

In a statement issued after receiving the request, the commissioner, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, said: "Based on our experience, voluntary repatriation can be the happiest of solutions, though it is seldom the easiest."

"It depends on the understanding of all concerned," he said. "This request from the Vietnamese authorities expressing their willingness to have their citizens return represents the first and most important step."

The request from the Communist Government in Saigon made "special mention" of children and of those who had to leave their country against their wish," the commissioner's office said.

About 1,500 Vietnamese on Guam and in Thailand have asked to be repatriated, according to a spokesman for the High Commissioner. "We expect many more to register to return but there has not been enough time," he said.