

STATES AND CITIES HELPING REFUGEES

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Task Force Director Sees
No Lack of Sponsors
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WASHINGTON, May 28 (UPI)—States and cities as well as thousands of persons across the country are volunteering to help resettle displaced Indochinese refugees, the chief spokesman for President Ford's refugee task force said today.

Elinor Green, director of the interagency refugee task force, said thousands of refugees being brought into the United States from Vietnam and Cambodia need have no fear of being sent back home because of a lack of charity on the part of Americans.

"I can say firmly that we are not going to run out of sponsors, whatever else happens," she said.

"Washington state, under the aegis of Gov. Dan Evans, is taking 500 families," and another state has expressed interest in taking between 3,000 and 4,000 refugee families, Miss Green said.

Others Show Interest

Four other states and at least two cities have shown an interest in the refugees, she added, but she declined to name the states and cities.

Miss Green said that more than 18,000 sponsorship offers had already been received.

She also said the interest shown by states and municipalities had led to the establishment of a new resettlement policy under which they would receive Federal financial assistance similar to that provided the volunteer agencies that were handling the major resettlement load.

This means, she said, that for every refugee—man, woman, and child—successfully resettled, they will receive up to \$500 to cover resettlement costs.

Job Competition Seen

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 28 (UPI)—The Brown administration has urged the Federal Government to prevent Vietnamese refugees from competing for jobs with 655,000 unemployed American veterans of the Vietnam war.

Mario Obledo, the state Health and Welfare Secretary, said yesterday that state-conducted interviews of refugees at Camp Pendleton indicated that 48,000 Vietnamese would settle in California.

In a telegram to John Eisenhower, chairman of the President's advisory committee on refugees, Mr. Obledo said, "America's 655,000 unemployed Vietnam veterans should not be forced to compete with refugees for scarce jobs."

Mr. Obledo also contended that the State Department's sponsorship program would "eventually result in the majority of refugees receiving welfare assistance."

Meanwhile, Robert Carleson, the Federal commissioner of welfare and former state director of social welfare in the Reagan administration, criticized Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. and Mr. Obledo for failing to welcome the refugees.