

## Work for Viet Refugees

# SFChronicle State Job Plan Turned Down

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Governor Edmund Brown's "Jobs for Americans" plan to secure employment for Vietnamese refugees and jobless Californians has been rejected by the Ford administration, it was disclosed yesterday.

The result is that the state will provide little if any special assistance to refugees who make California their permanent home, officials said.

Brown had proposed a \$350-million program to develop jobs for refugees and to assure an equal number of new jobs for

unemployed California citizens.

That plan was rejected last summer by the Ford administration, said Robert Gnaizda, deputy state health and welfare secretary.

Earlier this month, the Brown administration proposed a scaled-down, \$15 million version, which the Ford administration initially favored, Gnaizda said. But the state did not receive any further response and withdrew the proposal yesterday.

State Health and Welfare Secretary Mario Oblado said the

Vietnamese job development program flopped because "the elephantine federal bureaucracy" ignored the proposal and now it is too late to properly implement it.

The result, Oblado said, will be that more Vietnamese refugees will be unable to find jobs and will be forced onto welfare rolls.

He said 51.3 per cent of Vietnamese refugees in California were receiving welfare as of September 1. The percentage is expected to rise to 75 per cent by next year. About 80,000 of the 130,000 refugees are expected to settle eventually in California, Oblado said.

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