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**AGENCY MAY LOSE
REFUGEE CHILDREN**

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7—A Los Angeles Superior Court judge has ordered that 20 Cambodian children brought to the United States last April be removed from the control of a sectarian adoption agency.

Judge Lester Olson ruled last week that Family Ministries, an Evangelical Protestant agency in Whittier, Calif., violated the Untited States Constitution by requiring that persons seeking to adopt children be members of an Evangelical Protestant Church. The agency has said it will appeal.

The suit was brought by Dr. Richard Scott, an Episcopalian phyccsician who had sought to adopt one of the Cambodian children, Toup Ven. The doctor, as a member of the Los Angeles County Departmet of Health Services, had treated the 1-year-old and other refuge children.

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Protestant relief organization in Monrovia, Calif., took care of the 20 children in its nutrition center at Phnom Penh before the Communist victory in Cambodia last April 17. The organization was not a licensed adoption agency, and so it gave Family Ministries perAission to place the infants in foster homes here.

In cases in which religion is unknown, Judge Olson said, in his ruling, the law merely requires adoption agencies to place a child in the home best able to care for that child. He noted that Family Ministire excluded Buddhists, Jews, Roman Catholics and parents of no religious persuasion, and termed the policy restrictive.

6 Killed by Fire in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Oct. 7 (Reuters)—Six persons were killed when fire touched off by an exploding truckload of insecticide today destroyed 13 homes at Chupei, about 35 miles south of here, the police said. The explosion occurred when a barrel of insecticide spray overturned in the truck.