

Feeding the Cambodians is battle against time

Among the agencies distributing food and supplies in Cambodia or providing relief for Cambodian refugees in Thailand is the Cambodian Reserve Program, sponsored by the Holy Order of MANS, 7410 LaSalle, Detroit 48206.

However, the holy order is stockpiling its reserves in a San Francisco warehouse. The order's Rev. Arthur Roberts said the group is awaiting the outcome of a meeting next month that will determine the best means of distributing the aid.

The meeting will probably take place in Thailand, Rev. Roberts said, between representatives of the International Red Cross and UNICEF.

Ted Carpenter of the Cambodian Crises Center in Washington, D.C., said the four million surviving Cambodians are, for the most part, subsisting currently on December's rice crop. The population of Cambodia in 1970 was an estimated 6.8 million.

That rice crop, which Carpenter said measured 10 percent of an average normal crop, will run out in March. By that time, Carpenter hoped, contributions gathered locally will be on their way to the war-ravaged nation.

Carpenter said that various world organizations are presently supplementing the existence of Cambodians, but that by March, further contributions of food will be essential.

"The crises will occur for six months after the crop runs out," Carpenter said.

CARPENTER SAID that bottlenecks in the supply of food are to be blamed largely on the so-called Pnompen Authority.

"No single government is in control in Cambodia," Carpenter said. "It's necessary to go through the authority for distribution."

According to Carpenter, storage facilities in Cambodia are full. But that does not mean that all available aid is being distributed extensively.

"Currently, trucks and boats are being organized," Carpenter said. He added that perhaps one-quarter of the Cambodian population is massed on the Thai border and is being fed directly through Thailand.

To further assist in Cambodian relief, you may contact any of the following agencies:

The Lutheran Social Services, 579-0333, or the Jewish Family Services, 559-1500.

The address of The Hunger Project is P.O. Box 709, San Francisco, Calif. 94101.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Michigan Refugee Relief Fund, Box 55-316A, Detroit 48253; phones: (313) 256-2890 or (517) 372-3430.

For additional information, call the Cambodian Crises Center in Washington, D.C., toll free, 800-424-5051.

Suburban efforts helpful

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turned up \$500. Southfield's United Presbyterian raised \$1,800 and in Birmingham, the First Presbyterian Church sent in \$2,000 to aid the refugees.

In Farmington Hills, St. Colman's Catholic Church took up a special collection raising \$733 for Cambodian relief.

In Troy, Rev. Robert Boyte reports \$1,000 in contributions from members

of the Central Woodward Christian Church.

In Birmingham, Pastor W. E. Woldt of Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church announced Sunday, Jan. 27, is "Hunger Day for Cambodia." His wife, Farmington teacher Janet Woldt, told her elementary school class not to give her holiday gifts. Instead, she asked if they would do chores around the house and contribute the money they earned to help the Cambodians.

In Rochester, St. John's Lutheran is sponsoring a family, as is Our Lady of Refuge in Orchard Lake and St. Thomas Moore Church in Troy.

Again in Farmington, Our Lady of Sorrows Church sent out letters to every congregant, raising \$7,400 for that effort.

The Southeastern Michigan Red Cross Blood Services has also sent 200 units of blood to Cambodia. Further donations of blood may be made at any Red Cross center.

Properties can be assumed through condemnation by a public entity such as the road commission after property owners refuse a written purchase offer.

THE ROAD Commission has purchased 53 of the 67 parcels it needs to widen the two-lane Orchard Lake Road. The road would be widened north of Twelve Mile in Farmington Hills to Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

The 53 parcels acquired thus far have been at the value appraised by independent appraisers in accordance with procedures required by the Federal Highway Administration, said John Grubba, Road Commission managing director.

The road commission estimates cost of all parcels at nearly \$1 million. The federal government is funding 72 percent of the project, which could begin in early 1980.

WIDENING OF Orchard Lake Road has long been sought in the communities affected.

Orchard Lake properties face condemnation

The Oakland County Road Commission says it needs nine more pieces of property — one owned by its board chairman Fred D. Houghton — to widen Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield to five lanes.

Eight properties have been submitted to the courts for condemnation, including a parcel appraised by the road commission at \$49,500 owned by Houghton and his wife.

The ninth piece may also be headed for condemnation proceedings.

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The plate she sold is actually valued at more than \$1,800. Although MacArthur points out that this price is exceptionally high, he said, "I'm afraid others may be losing hundreds or thousands of dollars by not knowing what their plates are worth."

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