

Many Refugees Still Wandering Homeless

The thousands of persecuted Jews from Europe and Russia have long since found a home and haven and 200 years before Israel was formed the United States was begun by political and religious refugees who were fleeing from England and France.

In light of this well known history, it is almost impossible to believe that there are still nearly 400 mentally disturbed refugees wandering the modern globe vainly trying to find a foothold.

Perhaps their homeless condition lies in the grim fact that they are mentally disturbed because in some countries "refugee" people are still feared. Whatever the reason may be, there seem to be many of them, these hapless wanderers have been forced to roam the earth.

Some are alcoholics, others drug addicts seeking solace from the dreary existence of the homeless, a mere number on a roster.

A few have committed crimes, usually petty intrusions, but serious enough to label them "unacceptable for normal migration."

"It is shocking," says Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, U.N. high commissioner for refugees, "and a reflection on the whole system of international refugee work."

"The governments are largely to blame," adds the 34-year-old son of the late Aga Khan III, "for the fact that in 1967, we should still be seeking solutions for European refugees who came within our mandate as far back as the immediate postwar period."

"It is all part of the problem created by the rigidity of immigration," says Prince.

Europe has nearly solved its refugee problem by resettling thousands of homeless persons in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States.

Even those with physical disabilities, such as amputees and epileptics, were accepted en masse in the late 1950s in a heartening break-through.

Those with mental disabilities, however, remained a gnawing problem for the refugee commission.

"I wasn't until we were able to provide psychiatric treatment that we began to get encouraging results," Prince Sadruddin told the Associated Press.

"We found, for instance, that supposedly habitual criminals went straight when they received mental help."

"But as long as such people remain handicapped, the more difficult they become to care for, it is a situation that requires urgent remedy."

The fortunes of these mental casualties brightened several years ago when Dr. F.A.S. Jensen, chief medical officer for the Australian Immigration Department in Rome, became interested. With the blessings of his government and the refugee commission, Jensen launched an investigation in 1961 of 394 so-called hopeless cases in Italy. Within a year, after crash treatment, 209 of them had been accepted for migration.

Until Jensen drew up his dossier, delving into the reasons behind the troubles of these hapless persons, there had been a tendency to deal in labels rather than personalities. The label "schizophrenic" or "penal record" was enough to bar immigration without further discussion.

Such a case was Piotr D., whose nerves had been shattered in a concentration camp. He turned up in Italy at the end of the war and became known as a belligerent drunk. In 1949, he became embroiled in a free-for-all in which a man lost his life. He spent three years in jail.

Convinced that his life was ruined, Piotr was in the process of drinking himself into oblivion in 1962, when he came under Jensen's scrutiny. The doctor analyzed his plight as a typical case of the vicious circle of frustration - drinking, further frustration, further drinking.

In 1963, Belgium agreed to accept Piotr, and for 18 months he worked in a coal mine, until it closed. There was a return to the frustration cycle and several brushes with the law. But two Belgians, a social worker and a psychiatrist, espoused Piotr's cause, and attempts are now being made to find him work that will not provoke his frustration tolerance.

In 1962, the refugee commission had all of its perennial rejects, about 800 persons, given thorough medical examinations including psychiatric evaluation. Over the ensuing five years, the commission managed to place 400 of these persons and their

families in countries willing to give them shelter and employment.

"Last spring, we tackled the job of making sure that the final 400 persons in this group should be helped in one way or another," says Prince Sadruddin.

"Migration is not possible for the entire group. We expect that about half will have to be cared for permanently, either in protected communities or similar institutions in the countries where they are now living. But it is a far cry from the future these persons faced a few years ago."

MSU Aims At International Look

Michigan State University officials are studying methods of building an international dimension into the education of American students.

Some foreign travel, more foreign jobs and more trade are making the new outlook necessary, according to the blue-ribbon committee for the Review of the International Programs.

The 11-member faculty committee recommended that the Asia Studies Center be elevated to full center status.

AND IT SUGGESTS that, as resources permit, MSU should consider setting up study centers for the Middle East and Western Europe.

It proposes an institute for international politics and administration.

State Investigates Charitable Trusts

By FRANK J. KELLEY, State Attorney General

A charitable trust is a large amount of money set aside for the benefit of the general public and public purposes.

Parke-Davis Will Expand Research Lab

ANN ARBOR: Parke, Davis & Company has announced a \$1 million addition to its research-administration building here that will provide 22,000 more square feet of laboratory and office space for the drug firm's departments of clinical investigation and research information.

Included in the two-story project will be space for medical personnel offices, laboratories, an area for the future installation of computer equipment, and a section that will be used for handling chemical and biological records.

In all, the construction will add another 126 feet in length to the existing front of the research-administration building, bringing its total length to 378 feet. Both old and new sections will be 84 feet wide.

Henry W. Grubb, Parke-Davis superintendent of construction engineering, says he expects construction to begin immediately. Completion is scheduled for the end of 1968.

Enlargement of the research-administration building brings to about \$17 million the total investment in five separate structures at the Parke-Davis complex on Plymouth Road since it was opened here in 1960. The other four are a research laboratory building, a pathology-toxicology structure, a high pressure laboratory, and a power house.

Ski Clinic Slated In Redford Township

On Thursday, January 11, a ski clinic will be held at 7 p.m., at the Shear Elementary School gym, located next to Thurston 18th, for children from the ages of 8 through 12.

"This clinic will include an outstanding film both interesting and informative to any and all youngsters who have any desire to don a pair of skis, according to Sidney Greenberg, project chairman."

Hugo Bohm, a certified ski instructor from Boyne Mountain will be on hand to comment and field any and all questions from the floor pertaining to any phase of skiing.

Children are encouraged to have their parents accompany them.

If for any reason anyone cannot attend, and identical clinic

page document that took 12 months of research, interviews and hearings to compile.

Headed by Dr. Lawrence L. Boger, chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics the committee included 11 faculty members with substantial international teaching and research experience.

MSU ranks ninth in the number of international programs among universities in the United States the CRIP reported.

MSU's OFFICE of International Programs, one of the first of its kind at a university

in the U.S., was established in 1956 to stimulate involvement in international education.

Since 1960, the committee notes, geographical study centers have been organized for Africa, Asia and Latin America and study programs have been started for Russian, East Europe and Canada.

There are also international institutes, the committee adds, in agriculture, business, education and communication.

There are 22 long and short term programs overseas with MSU affiliations, the report states.

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