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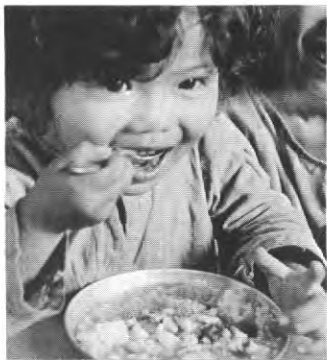
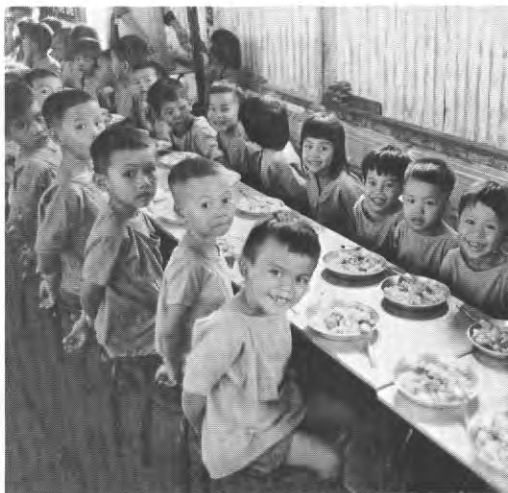
A NEVER-ENDING FLOW OF REFUGEES

The renewed fighting in South Vietnam that erupted in March has created more than a million new refugees. One-third of the nation now consists of uprooted civilians. Vast numbers of them are sick and wounded, war widows and war orphans. Fleeing from destruction has become a way of life for the Vietnamese people. They stream along muddy highways, huddle together in primitive shelters, crowd into refugee camps. Hunger and disease are commonplace. For many years, volunteers of the International Rescue Committee have been working day and night to alleviate the suffering of Vietnam's war victims, especially the children. Food, shelter, clothing and medical aid are provided. Self-help, training and rehabilitation programs are maintained. Now, IRC is faced with a new wave of shattered refugees, and the support of the American people is urgently needed to enable the International Rescue Committee to carry out its humanitarian work.



The destination line of refugees is a primitive camp packed with thousands of Vietnamese civilians whose homes have been destroyed.

In Binh Duong Province, where destruction has been massive, thousands of Vietnamese children are among the homeless refugees. Here, IRC supports a children's center where food, clothing, schooling and medical care restore the health of refugee boys and girls and turn their tears into smiles. IRC maintains several day-care centers in Vietnam for war victims, many of them orphans.





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This badly burnt girl is now home with her parents, after recovering at the IRC Convalescent Center in Saigon for war-injured children.



Pre-school educational activities play an important part in the daily schedule at IRC's day-care centers for Vietnamese children.

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Many refugees are risking their lives to escape from Cuba to the free world in small rafts and boats.



In the new nation of Bangladesh, IRC clinics provide medical care for the uprooted victims of the recent invasion by West Pakistani troops.



IRC finds asylum in the free world for thousands of refugees fleeing from East Europe, among them many children.

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500 refugees reach HK

45 SWIMMERS DIE ON WAY TO FREEDOM

MORE than 45 freedom swimmers have drowned so far this year in desperate attempts to get to freedom in Hongkong.

Their bodies were found floating in the sea, or washed up on the shores of remote islands. Many were found along the coast of Hong Kong.



These four young "freedom-swimmers" from Mainland China who swam 10 hours through treacherous waters are among the thousands of Chinese refugees helped by IRC in Hong Kong.

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REFUGEES FLEEING FROM WAR AND OPPRESSION

Refugees throughout the world are turning in growing numbers to the International Rescue Committee. Homeless, and terrified by the fear of abandonment, they are often near despair as they appeal to IRC to help in their struggle to persevere and rebuild their lives. Nowhere is the plight of uprooted people more tragic than in Vietnam. The war-shattered children especially need help, and IRC is doing everything possible to relieve their suffering and give them hope for the future.

At the same time, thousands of other refugees are fleeing to the free world from political terror, religious and racial oppression. They come every day from the Communist-ruled countries of East Europe, from Cuba, Haiti and Mainland China. In the new nation of Bangladesh—so recently devastated by the invasion of West Pakistani troops—the uprooted people also look to IRC for help.

For almost 40 years, ever since Hitler seized control of Germany, IRC has supported the cause of refugees and human freedom. For almost 40 years, the American people, through their generous contributions, have made it possible for IRC to carry out its work. Your help has never been more important to IRC than now. Your support has never been more urgently needed than today. Please keep alive the hope of refugees by giving to IRC as generously as you can.



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