

# Red Cross Aide Tells of Viet Nam Needs

Instruction in sanitation and personal hygiene and training in some trade skills are the chief needs of some 1.5 million Viet Nam refugees, a Torrance Red Cross worker said Monday.

Bryce J. Torrence, 22841 Adolph Ave., said the greatest needs of the refugees are medical needs — some 60 per cent of all the refugees are children suffering from skin diseases or something worse. Torrence has just returned from a six-month assignment in the war-torn nation. He headed a seven-man Red Cross team which was stationed near Quang-Nagi, about 75 miles south of Da Nang and some seven miles from the China Sea coast.

THE RED CROSS specialists were sent to Viet Nam to train members of the South Vietnamese Red Cross Society in the techniques of operat-

ing refugee relief centers. The program was coordinated by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Under Torrence's direction, the team operated 10 camps in the vicinity of Quang-Nagi. More than 10,000 refugees were in the camp complex, he said.

On his arrival at the camp complex, Torrence said, Viet Cong territory began not more than 300 meters from the outer boundaries of one of the camps. In the past six months, however, much of the area has been secured by U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops and enemy areas are now some three to four miles away.

ON TWO occasions, Torrence explained, one of the refugee camps was partially burned by the Viet Cong when residents of the camp

refused to leave the area to harvest rice for the Viet Cong troops. On each occasion, he added, the Red Cross team arrived quickly and helped to rebuild the camp.

No other incidents have occurred in the past six months, he added.

Torrence had praise for American and South Vietnamese armed forces in the nation. They are doing "a tremendous job," he said. He also said the USAID programs are helping to win the Vietnamese people to the side of the South Viet Nam government.

SOME 23 volunteer agencies, including the American Red Cross, are active in South Viet Nam at the present time, Torrence explained.

Each housing unit in the camp complex is from 100 to 150 feet long and is partition-

ed into 10 or more rooms for families of five to seven persons. Metal roofs, installed only recently, have eliminated the threat of Viet Cong fire attacks, he said.

Walls of the housing units are constructed of rice straw and mud.

FOODSTUFFS, supplied by USAID, were distributed once each month and individual families supplement the assistance with small vegetable gardens and — when they have a skill — by working part-time in nearby commercial areas.

Medical care is being provided by a Red Cross male nurse, Torrence said, who sees patients — mostly children — in two camp dispensaries four days each week. Two days each week are reserved for house calls.

The seven-man team included, in addition to Tor-

rence, specialists in mass care, medical care, skill training, recreation, sanitation, and personal hygiene.

Team members will be rotated to keep the seven specialists continuously on the job, Torrence said.

RESPONDING to questions, Torrence said the people who leave the refugee camps retain much of what they have learned about hygiene, sanitation, and, of course, skills training.

"The children," he said, "just have never had soap and have never been told why or how to wash."

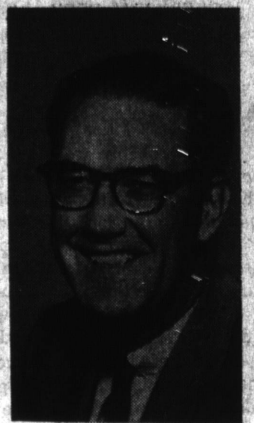
Refugees in the 10-camp complex which he headed are still permanent residents, Torrence said, but within the next year or so they are expected to move back into their own homes. A concerted effort is now under way to clear the main roads and re-

gain control of areas near the roads for the South Vietnamese government.

IN THE meantime, Torrence said, work with the refugees — about 1.5 million of the 12 million people in South Viet Nam are refugees — must continue. The League of Red Cross societies in Geneva, Switzerland, has asked Red Cross groups throughout the world to aid the South Vietnamese Red Cross Society in its refugee work.

The American Red Cross, in addition to providing such teams as the one which Torrence headed, recently announced a \$25,000 grant to the League of Red Cross Societies for the South Viet Nam programs.

Torrence addressed the San Pedro-Palos Verdes Red Cross Board of Directors Monday in his first appearance since his return two weeks ago. Speak-



BRYCE J. TORRENCE Tells of Viet Nam

ing dates may be arranged by other groups through the Red Cross Service Center, 1499 W. First St., San Pedro.

## ANN LANDERS



### Rules Worth Repeating

Dear Readers: My niece who lives in Omaha sent me Twelve Rules For Rearing Children. Her pediatrician had handed her these rules and explained that he gives them to all young mothers. I read the rules and recognized them as my own. Closer examination revealed that the physician had credited Ann Landers as the author—which I appreciate.

I am offering the rules again today for the benefit of young mothers who were high school kids when the rules first appeared.—ANN LANDERS

1. Remember that a child is a gift from God, the richest of all blessings. Do not attempt to mold him in the image of your neighbor. Each child is an individual and should be permitted to be himself.

2. Don't crush a child's spirit when he fails. And never compare him with others who have outshone him.

3. Remember that anger and hostility are natural emotions. Help your child to find socially acceptable outlets for these normal feelings or they may be turned inward and erupt.

4. Discipline your child with firmness and reason. Don't let your anger throw you off balance. If he knows you are fair you will not lose his respect or his love. And make sure the punishment fits the crime.

5. Remember that each child needs two parents. Present a united front. Never join with your child against your mate. This can create emotional conflicts in your child as well as in yourself.

6. Do not hand your child everything his little heart desires. Permit him to know the thrill of earning and the joy of deserving. Grant him the greatest of all satisfactions — the pleasure that comes with personal achievement.

7. Do not set yourself up as the epitome of perfection. This is a difficult role to play 24 hours a day. You will find it easier to communicate with your child if you let him know that Mom and Dad make mistakes, too.

8. Don't make threats in anger or impossible promises when you are in a generous mood. Threaten or promise only what you can live up to.

9. Do not smother your child with superficial manifestations of love. The purest and healthiest love expresses itself in day-in, day-out training which breeds self-confidence and independence.

10. Teach your child that there is dignity in work whether it is performed with calloused hands that shovel coal or skilled fingers that manipulate surgical instruments. Let him know that a useful life is a blessed one.

11. Do not try to protect your child against every small blow and disappointment. Adversity strengthens character and makes us compassionate. Trouble is the great equalizer. Let him learn it.

12. Teach your child to love God and to love his fellow man. Don't send your child to a place of worship—take him there. Children learn from example. Telling him something is not teaching him. If you give your child a deep and abiding faith in God it can be his strength and his light when all else fails.

Alcohol is no shortcut to social success. If you think you have to drink to be accepted by your friends, get the book "Booze and You — For Teen-Agers Only" by Ann Landers. Send 25 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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TAKING TESTS . . . Ricky Sullivant, a second grade student at Howard Wood Elementary School, takes a test to determine his eligibility for a program for gifted students under the direction of Dr. Robert S. Dollarhide, guidance consultant for the Torrance schools. More than 1,650 Torrance students have been identified as gifted at the present time.

## Teachers Selected For 'Gifted' Study

Fifteen Torrance teachers have been selected to participate in a two-year study for improvement of teaching gifted students being conducted by California State College at Dominguez Hills.

Financed by a U.S. Office of Education grant, the project — "Excellence in Education" — also includes teachers from Manhattan Beach schools, Palos Verdes schools and the South Bay Union High School District.

Elementary teachers selected from Torrance for the study include: John Bacigalupe and John Ducar, Seaside School; Carl Edwards, Carr School; Mrs. Sunga Greisman, Steele School; Mrs. Mildred Percy, Mrs. Jeanne Sikes,

and Mrs. Nancy Sturgeon, Jefferson School; Miss Bertinardine Schrank and Mrs. Sandra Walker, Anza School; and Mrs. Daphne Yassir, Madison School.

High school teachers selected include: Charles Pillet of Torrance High, Hunter Watson of North High, and Mrs. Martha Gatsinaris, Mrs. Joan Bingham, and Robert Schultz, all of West High.

PURPOSE OF the study is to develop materials and techniques best suited for challenging and developing the potential of gifted youngsters.

Heading the project will be Ruth Martinson, project director, and Dr. Jean Weiner, co-director. Dr. Donald Duncan, curriculum consultant, is coordinating efforts in the Torrance Unified School District.

The project is a follow-up to a statewide study conducted between 1957 and 1960 under Dr. Martinson's direction.

Participating teachers will concentrate on self-improvement of teaching skills, according to Dr. Martinson.

ONE TOOL for assisting them along these lines will be the use of television tapes of the teachers to be used for self-evaluation.

Small seminars will be conducted throughout the duration of the study, and teachers will be given an opportunity to visit other districts to observe different techniques, Dr. Martinson said.

"We hope the participating teachers from the four districts will learn from one another through mutual exchange of ideas," she stated.

Torrance teachers who participate in the project will later utilize this specialized training to train other district teachers in teaching the gifted, according to Dr. Duncan.

At the present time, according to school records, Torrance has 1,653 gifted students — those with I.Q.'s over 130 — which represented 5 per cent of the total enrollment.

"Statistics would indicate that school systems with normal populations can expect to have approximately two per cent of their students in this category — which would amount to 643 students in the case of Torrance," Dr. Duncan said.

Included in this group, district statistics reveal, there are 67 students who have I.Q.'s over 160 and 20 with intelligence quotients over 170, according to Robert Dollarhide, guidance consultant.

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SALUTING EXPANSION . . . Don Meyer, president of Handling Equipment Corp., demonstrates metal forming machine which has been installed in expanded facilities at the plant at 22900 Frampton Ave. Looking on are Tom Rupert (left), city treasurer; and Don Hyde, director of personnel services at Torrance's U. S. Steel plant and president of the Chamber of Commerce. The new facilities at the firm include an enlarged processing area and administrative offices, Meyer said. (Press-Herald Photo)

## COUNT MARCO

### He Will Continue His Efforts

Today I would like to review some of my plans and promises for this year just getting underway.

I shall continue working at my lifelong task — restoring total femininity to the American woman.

I will continue to print the letters I receive; the inspirational ones as a good example, and the uninspired ones which call me a devil (among other things) as bad examples. They show what can happen when a female gets caught up in the trend toward feminine obsolescence.

I promise you I will step up my campaign to rid the supermarkets of hair curlers and overloaded slacks. I shall encourage an additional State tax on all items purchased by women wearing such disgusting attire.

I shall continue my fight

to reduce the number of illegitimate children, high school dropouts, teen marriages, and deaths on the highways by establishing nationwide legislation making a high school diploma the first requirement for obtaining a driver's license.

I shall not let down in my efforts to give the schools back to the teachers, and thus I shall step up my battle to abolish completely the Poor Teachers Association, the PTA. My success in this endeavor during 1966 brought about a substantial nationwide drop in membership. I therefore hope for a wholesale dissolution.

Those organized little cookie pushers, the Girl Scouts, will come in for heavier scrutiny. I contend that little girls should be taught to BAKE cookies, not

SELL them. Soliciting on street corners as they do has never helped a marriage.

Too, I shall bend every effort to abolish the teaching of sex in the grammar schools.

Unwed mothers will be given less encouragement and more discouragement by being required to work their way through their confinement.

I have made great strides in showing up alimony for what it is, a form of high-class prostitution wherein a man continues to pay for services no longer rendered. I plan to make bigger strides in an effort to wipe out alimony payments entirely.

In these and numerous other campaigns I have waged in your behalf, the future holds great promise. I look forward eagerly to the fray.