

**RESETTLEMENT RE-CAP**

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**THE SCORE - Week Ending August 3**

Refugees registered in week	1,946	Total registered since Jan. 1961	134,758
Refugees resettled in week	686	Total resettled since Jan. 1961	36,552
Cities resettling refugees, to date	831	Cities taking more than 100	34

**TWICE DAILY THE TENSIONS OF ESCAPE BRING TEARS**

Twice every day of the week Cuban men, women and children stream from big planes at Miami's International Airport. Some kiss the ground of freedom. Others, with waves, hugs and handshakes, greet friends and relatives. Tears flow. The great tension is over. They have escaped the Castro oppressions. After weeks of worry and waiting, police state regulations are behind them. A sympathetic United States extends a welcome. For those in want the U.S. Cuban Refugee Center offers services. More than 100 persons arrive on each of these flights. On other flights, from Jamaica and elsewhere, more Cubans come. And in small boats, risking Cuban guns and perils of the elements, still others seek asylum. Week after week the arrivals total between 1,800 and 2,000.

A resettled refugee writes: "I started working the day after we arrived here. My wife is promised a job teaching Spanish."

**THIRSTING, SICKENED REFUGEES ARE RESCUED**

For those who flee tyranny in Cuba by small boat (14 to 30 feet in length!), the 90-mile trip toward the United States is fraught with many risks. Under the headline "FREEDOM'S PRICE: THIRST AND FAMINE", the MIAMI HERALD has recorded this story: "Five Cuban fishermen, three women and seven children -- suffering from thirst, hunger and food poisoning -- were treated here after spending six days at sea in flight from Castro communism. The refugees spent their last 24 hours at sea in their open boat without a drink. A U.S. Coast Guard plane had dropped a package of tablets for making sea water safe, but they couldn't read the English instructions. They were sick from eating raw a barracuda they had caught. Their small motor had gone dead their first day out and on a calm sea sails were useless." (The Coast Guard brought the refugees to Miami.) As many as 50 a week come in these small boats!

THESE EXPERIENCED RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES, WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT  
THE CUBAN REFUGEE CENTER, MIAMI, CARRY OUT RESETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

- ...Catholic Relief Services (NCWC) ...United HIAS Service (Hebrew Immigrant Aid)
  - ...Church World Service (Protestant)...International Rescue Committee (non-sectarian)
- (They may be contacted by writing them at the Center or through their representatives in your community)

The U.S. Employment Service, Department of Labor, operates at the Center to identify job skills of the refugees and cooperate with the resettlement agencies in finding jobs

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## FACTS, FACTS, FACTS

The Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, Public Law 87-510, now governs the Cuban Refugee Program. Until this legislation was passed by Congress and signed by the President in late June, the Program was carried on under an Executive Order...INFORMATION MATERIALS ABOUT RESETTLEMENT MAY BE REQUESTED BY POSTAL CARD SENT TO CUBAN REFUGEE CENTER, MIAMI, FLA. QUANTITY MAILINGS WILL BE MADE TO ANY ORGANIZATION THAT WILL USE THEM TO ADVANTAGE...Miami officials have made public statements about the low juvenile delinquency rate among refugees. The reasons? The strong family feeling among Cubans, cultivated respect of children for their parents, and the chaperone custom traditional in their culture.

A resettled refugee writes: "I see here good friendship, happy people wishing to help us Cubans. This place is happy for us to live in."

## SEES NO THREAT TO CITY'S ECONOMY

"Inclusion of 23 wage earners into a city with a several hundred thousand work force hardly constitutes a dire threat to Philadelphia's economy", states Judge David L. Ullman, chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Citizens Committee for Refugee Resettlement. "We are relieving a situation in Miami and making practical use of the skills the Cubans offer us." The Committee sponsored a charter flight June 7 and continues careful planning for resettlement of more families. Judge Ullman added: "I hope we, along with other cities, will do our fair share in absorbing these refugees. We want them to feel welcome and useful. We know we have the backing of the citizenry for this work of mercy."

A resettled refugee writes: "I am working for a construction company formed by a Cuban friend, two other men and myself."

## VISA WAIVER ISSUANCE EXCEEDS EXIT FACILITIES

How long will Cuban refugees be seeking asylum in the U.S.? Late figures show 160,000 visa waivers approved by the U.S., but not yet used. They can be used only at the rate of about 1,800 weekly, the capacity of the 2-a-day direct plane flights permitted by Cuba. The rate of visa waiver approvals by the U.S. continues at 5,000 weekly. A visa waiver admits a Cuban as a guest of the U.S. for an indefinite period. The cost of the direct plane trip Havana to Miami is \$25 for an adult, half that for a child. Payment is in American money, sent by relatives or friends from the U.S., a Cuban requirement. The Cuban government keeps the dollars and pays the airline in Cuban money! Obviously those who push off from Cuba in small boats do not have visa waivers but depend on the U.S. to grant them asylum, after required interrogation.

A resettled refugee writes: "No Cuban can forget we represent our country wherever we are. I am sure my countrymen are doing their best."

## A SPONSOR REPORTS ON A YOUTH, AGED 20

A sponsor writes the Center about Luis, aged 20: "He has lived in our home as one of the family for 10 months. We stress the importance of self-support, education and willingness to join in school and community activities. He has a good job at a university lab and plans to save money to continue studies. You can be proud of Luis and the way he is approaching his new life..."

A resettled refugee writes: "Cubans need not fear resettlement... I am sure all will get same help I got...Wife and I have jobs."