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INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES - TASK FORCE REPORT

The report of the Task Force on Indo-Chinese Refugees, established by the Ethnic Affairs Commission of N.S.W., has been submitted to the State Government with a range of recommendations for action. It has also been released for public information and comment.

The report entitled 'Survival and Beyond' is in two volumes and it has already attracted wide public interest. Volume 1 consists of a wide ranging survey of services and assistance available to refugees from government and voluntary agencies. Volume 2 outlines the major concerns of refugees settling in N.S.W.

The Task Force which produced the report was headed by Professor K. Rivet and included people from the Lao, Khmer and Vietnamese communities. The Task Force found that refugees are experiencing a generally positive level of acceptance in the community of this State and that their material needs seem to be adequately met by the various services available. Fairly predictably however, the refugees have many emotional problems in endeavouring to settle in Australia and little has been organized to assist them in this respect.

The report focusses on the strain placed on refugees by their concern for the safety of those members of their families who are still in transit camps or in Vietnam, Laos or Kampuchea. The report includes considerable information as to the number of refugees who have sought asylum in various transit camps in South East Asia and details what proportions have been taken by various countries. Australia's place as the country which has taken the 3rd largest number of refugees should be noted.

A copy of 'Survival and Beyond' is being forwarded to Ethnic Affairs Liaison Officers under separate cover, as soon as more copies arrive from the printer.

RESEARCH - ETHNIC STUDIES

In the August issue of ETHNOS we promised to list the research sponsored by the Ethnic Affairs Commission on various ethnic settlement issues.

They are listed hereunder:-

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
CALLUS, QUINLAN, Michael, and RIMMER, Malcolm	"Well at least it's better than the line" (1979) - an examination of the working lives of 3 state government instrumentalities - The Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, The Department of Main Roads, The Electricity Commission of N.S.W.
MAESJIRIVAN, J.A., ANDERSON, A.M., and KELLSHER, B.M.	"An analysis of the culture shock experienced by overseas students studying at Hawkesbury Agricultural College" (1979). The study identifies the ways in which newly arrived and well-advanced students adjust to the Hawkesbury College.
GORDON, Miroslava	"The Macedonian Community in Newcastle" (1978). The study examines at a sub-census level, the social characteristics of Macedonian-Yugoslav settlers in Newcastle.

