

Second Vietnamese family arrives here

For those awaiting a call from the Immigration Department, the message from Richmond Hill's second

family to bring in a refugee family from Vietnam, is "it's easier than you think". A family of five Viet-

namese arrived in Toronto to stay at the home of Pat and Michael White, members of a private sponsorship

group, November 2. Mrs. White said Immigration officials called Monday, October 29 to advise the family would arrive in Canada "in a couple of days".

Friday of the same week another call came saying they could pick up the Indo-chinese refugee family at Toronto International Airport.

All necessary information, such as airline, terminal, flight number and gate number was given at that time. Pat and Michael White picked up an interpreter and waited, like anyone else, at Arrivals, in Terminal 2.

An official accompanied the three to greet the new Canadians, collect luggage (consisting of a change of clothes provided by the Red Cross) and drove home to begin a new life in Canada.

Because neither she nor her husband speak Vietnamese or Cantonese, and an interpreter is not available for general daily communication, Mrs. White said she uses gestures and depends largely on "the international language of the child". Mrs. White said she

feels her own five children have made the transition much easier for the refugee family.

The Richmond Hill resident urges everyone to consider supporting a Vietnamese refugee family, saying the major job is to get them into this country, then all the sponsors must do is be supportive.

Retirement Centre plans first bazaar

The craft room at Country Place Retirement Centre, on 18th Avenue, is humming with activity these days.

Men and women living at the centre are preparing for their first Christmas Bazaar to be held Sunday, December 2, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Five weeks ago Russ Semple, the administrator at the Retirement Centre set up the first auxiliary group to work at the centre.

"We needed to activate these people," he said, "instead of letting them sit around and vegetate."

The first part of the program he envisages for residents and the auxiliary workers, includes crafts, reading groups, shopping and field trips and picnics.

"We'd like to find out where their talents lie and then develop them," said the administrator.

Right now crafts are the order of the day and as the head of the new auxiliary group, Pat Beaton, said, "we're working like crazy for the Bazaar".

Mrs. Beaton is helping the ladies at the centre with crocheted and felt tree ornaments for the "Trim-a-Tree shop", fabric needle cases, large ornate Christmas stockings and dried

flower arrangements. Miriam Duckett is helping the men with leather work, such as bookmarks and coasters, and wooden novelties.

"The main idea is to get people out and doing something," said Mrs. Beaton, "the social aspect is as important as



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