
Descriptive Summary

Title: James Ridgeway files on Southeast Asian refugees

Date: 1959-1996

Collection Number: MS-SEA007

Creator: Ridgeway, James

Extent: 3.8 linear feet (5 boxes)

Languages: The collection is in English and Vietnamese

Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.
Irvine, California 92623-9557

Abstract: This collection is comprised of materials collected by James Ridgeway that document refugee social services and educational organizations. The materials focus on organizations in Texas, the second most populous state after California for Southeast Asian refugees. An extensive list of evacuees from Southeast Asia is also included, which contains information on gender, age and occupation of refugees who arrived in 1975 at Camp Pendleton, California, a United States processing center for refugees. James Ridgeway served as a missionary and United Press International reporter in Vietnam from 1966 to the fall of Vietnam in 1975.

Access

The collection is open for research. Access to lists of refugee evacuees who arrived at Camp Pendleton, California, is restricted until 2025. Restrictions are noted at the first level.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of James Ridgeway, 2001.

Processing History

Processed by Julia Stringfellow, 2005. Processing was supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant.

Historical Background

James Ridgeway served as a missionary and United Press International reporter in Vietnam from 1966 to the fall of Vietnam in 1975. Ridgeway is the president of the Silver Dragons Corporation.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged topically.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Refugees -- Southeast Asia -- Archives.

Refugees -- Services for -- Texas -- Archives.

Refugees -- Texas -- Archives.

Refugees -- California -- Archives.

Southeast Asians -- Texas -- Archives.

Southeast Asians -- California -- Archives.

Evacuation of civilians -- Southeast Asia -- History -- Sources.

Genres and Forms of Materials

Letters -- 20th century.

Photographic prints -- 20th century.

Reports -- 20th century.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection

Online Archive of California

Southeast Asian Archive.

Box : Folder 1 : **1Asian-American Alliance, information packet 1984**

Box : Folder 1 : **2Asian American festival program 1981**

Box : Folder 1 : **3Asia Society, newsletter 1985**

Box : Folder 1 : **4Association of Former Members of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), correspondence and program materials 1981-1984**

Box : Folder 1 : **5Association of Vietnamese of Houston, Texas, annual Tet publication 1986**

Box : Folder 1 : **6Cambodian refugees, correspondence and refugee assistance materials 1977-1980**

Box : Folder 1 : **7Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, correspondence and legislation information 1984**

Box : Folder 1 : **8Government publications on refugee assistance 1975**

Box : Folder 1 : **9Harris County Refugee Council, correspondence, meeting agendas, and program materials 1975-1986**

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box : Folder 1 : **11Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Department, correspondence, organizational information, and directory 1975-1976**

Box : Folder 1 : **12Houston community college system, English as a Second Language (ESL) program for Vietnamese informational booklet and program 1976**

Box : Folder 1 : **13Houston job training partnership council, annual report 1985**

Box : Folder 1 : **14Houston police department, program materials, reports, and photographs 1987**

Box : Folder 1 : **15Indochinese culture center, program materials 1987**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~10~~ **Indochinese Mutual Program Action Center for Training (IMPACT), correspondence and publications 1985**

Box : Folder 3 : ~~1~~ **List of refugee evacuees who arrived at Camp Pendleton, California 1975**
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Physical Description: 10 folders.

Access Information

Access is restricted until 2025-01-01.

Box : Folder 1 : ~~17~~ **List of refugees who left Vietnam after May 5, 1975 1975-1976**

Scope and Content Note

The list was created for refugees hoping to find their families who had gone to the United States or Canada.

Box : Folder 1 : ~~19~~ **National Association for Vietnamese American Education (NAVAE), conference materials and correspondence 1981-1982**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~19~~ **Newsletter materials and mailing lists 1973-1974**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~20~~ **Newspaper clippings 1974-1994**
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Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box : Folder 1 : ~~20~~ **Ngay Nay Newspaper, correspondence 1987-1988**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~21~~ **Personal Evangelism teaching materials 1959-1966**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~21~~ **Project AID (American and Indochina Development Corporation), progress report and meeting minutes 1975-1976**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~22~~ **Refugee assistance programs, reports and proposal request 1975-1986**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~22~~ **Refugee crisis intervention and mental health workshop, reports and correspondence 1976-1985**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~22~~ **Refugee medically needy program, program materials 1985**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~22~~ **Refugee resettlement information, refugee assistance materials, correspondence and photographs 1975-1986**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~23~~ **Refugees in Thailand information, reports 1975-1977**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~30~~ **Refugees publication that provides information on refugee assistance worldwide 1976**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~30~~ **Resignation letters, correspondence and reports 1980-1981**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~32~~ **Resource directory of community youth services for Harris County 1986**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~33~~ **Sixteen to Twenty-five Program, project materials 1980**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~33~~ **Sponsorship of Vietnamese refugees, program materials 1975**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~35~~ **Tet festival program 1980**

Box : Folder 1 : ~~35~~ **Texas Asian Republican caucus and Asian American Voters Coalition, correspondence and program materials 1984-1986**

Box : Folder 1 : **3 Texas training and employment center, personnel handbook and newsletter 1986-1987**

Box : Folder 1 : **3 Vietnamese American Association of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, program materials 1983**

Box : Folder 1 : **3 Vietnamese American Association of Wisconsin, newsletters, correspondence, and program materials 1971-1976**

Box : Folder 2 : **1 Vietnamese business directories for Texas 1986-1991**

Box : Folder 2 : **2 Vietnamese refugees education guides, correspondence and guides 1975**

Box : Folder 2 : **3 Vietnamese Student Association of Struggle for Human Rights in Vietnam, informational booklet 1980**

Box : Folder 2 : **4 Vietnam Refugees' Relief Foundation International, correspondence 1975**

Box : Folder 2 : **5 Vietnam Tai Texas, mailing lists 1985**

Box : Folder 2 : **6 Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Indochina Refugee Services, reports, correspondence, and program materials 1979-1980**