Judge is for language

United Press International HOUSTON — A federal judge hearing a school case Tuesday said he believed American education should include more language training in Spanish and English, starting in the first grade.

"It's just appalling to me as a judge that this country has so neglected its



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neighbors to the south," U.S. District Judge John V. Singleton Jr. said Singleton said, "It's embarrassing

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Refugees find homes English.

(continued from page 1) plight of the other Indochinese refugees.

Cheng, his wife, and six children left Cambodia for a short stay in France before they were given re-fugee status and a sponsor in the United States. They were resettled in Milwaukee in 1975, then came to Houston in 1978 to work with the YMCA program.

Although he was a wealthy farmer and businessman in Cambodia, Cheng lost everything when the gov-ernment collapsed. He came to America knowing no English, and initially worked on a construction job to support himself.

The YMCA refugee service is one of many such charitable organiza-tions across the United States. The YMCA places refugees in jobs, finds housing and transportation for them and gives them language and vocational training. UNICEF, the Red Cross, and the International Resettlement Commission also work to resettle refugees.

ment grants that pay for office space and staff, but no money is given for refugee resettlement, said Flanagan. The YMCA acts as a sponsor for re-fugee families, but churches, civic groups or individuals must cosponsor the families.

'The president has said that we can take 14,000 refugees a year," said Flanagan, "but we cannot take one person unless they have a sponsor. Sponsorship is not a legal obligation, but it is a moral obligation, to help people out until they can become self-sufficient

A Gallup poll released in September said most Americans have mixed feelings about the refugees. Almost six out of 10 opposed any change in immigration policy that would per-mit entry of more refugees, yet a majority said the refugees should be welcome, and almost half said they would like some of the refugees to settle in their communities.

Although there have been few specific incidents of violence against them, a dispute over refugees' fishing rights in the Texas coastal town of Seadrift earlier this year resulted in one death. Flanagan said, though, that little of this resentment has been seen in Houston., "I'm not really aware of any animosity, though I'm sure there is some," said Flanagan. "For the most part, people have been very accepting. I think part of that is because the economy is

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Texas is second only to California in the number of resettled refugees. Texas has resettled more thn 20,000 refugees since 1975. The weather, a warm, humid climate similar to that of Indochina, draws many refugees to the southern stes. Some would-be refugees are not

fortunate enough to have the money to pay for transportation and bribes to public officials that would open the doors for esc The best estimate from a survey of officials working with refugees throughout Indochina is that governments pocket an average \$1,500 from each man, woman and child they allow to leave.

Such is the case for the family of Truong Thuy, an English specialist and teacher for the YMCA service. Truong, who holds an English degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, came to the United States on a student visa and scholarship in 1970. "I wanted to go home to be a

teacher," said Truong, but her plans were ruined by the communist takeover of Vietnam. Now Truong's family, five sisters and her mother, are in Vietnam without the money to leave. She has not heard from her family in over nine years. She is waiting for the day that she has enough money to sponsor her family's escape.

'Everything I worked for I got, said Truong. "Right now my only dream is for my family to be here. I feel like I've lost them.

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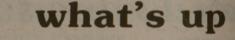
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SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Will have a wine and cheese party at 7pm Dr. Copp's home (1101 Pershing). Bring wine and a cheeses GROMETS-MSC RECREATION: Will have a meeting at 8 p.m.

Room 229, MSC. The progress of Warcon '80 will be discuss CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The A&M Consolidated Middle Sci

Choir will perform from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the University Nata al Bank lobby. STUDENT "Y": A Christmas service will be held at 8 p.m. in the NY Lounge. Rev. Dan Reihing will speak.

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Friday

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The A&M Consolidated High Sea Honor Mixed Choir will perform from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in University National Bank lobby.

STUDENT "Y": Will have an all-day Christmas party in Room 216-MSC. All Y members welcome to come by between 9 a.m. and With

- p.m. of drug A&M U VENEZUELAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: La Asociacion de En diantes Venezolanos convoca a una asamblea general este vien holiday (14 de diciembre, con motivo a su reorganización. Dicha asamble llevara a cabo en Room 251, Bizzell Hall a las 6 p.m. Venezolar leave th when ve contamos con tu presencia
- EUROPE CLUB: Will have the traditional Christmas and end-ofyear party at 8 p.m. in the Tanglewood South party room. Inte tional students, friends and guests are invited
- Depart MATH HELP SESSION: The math club will be holding a help sessi to raise funds. Come to Room 223, Academic 7-10 p.m. Parks. They do essentia
- **REGISTRATION:** Musicians can register for auditions to play w the Brazos Symphony Orchestra today at 2 p.m. in Rudder Theater The auditions will be held Friday, Jan. 18.
- BASKETBALL: The men will compete today and Saturday in Cougar Classic in Provo, Utah.
- BASKETBALL: The women will compete today and Saturday in South Oak Cliff Classic in Dallas

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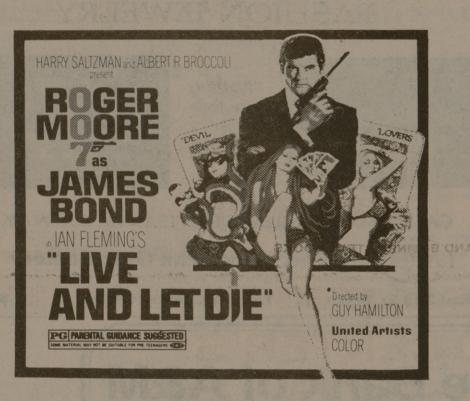
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