## Not a single Ugandan US warns shilling' to leave, airport notice says

From Michael Knipe Kampala, Aug 31

Lyons Maid ice-cream trucks and some shaded soft drink stalls did a roaring trade in Parliament Avenue here today as the bureau-Asian exodus floundered on. The atmosphere continued to be remarkably untense on the surface, with crowds of shirtsleeved Asians calmly doing business with African peanut vendors while engaging each other in animated conversations and waving a variety of pink,

yellow and blue forms. So far fewer Asians have taken advantage of the availability of British entry permits than was expected. The indications from the first four days of the British High Commission's permit-issuing exercise are that the influx into Britain may be considerably less than had been estimated.

Today 366 heads of families were called forward to receive the entry permits they had requested before President Amin's edict that all noncitizen Asians must leave Uganda her £10m loan to Uganda. by November 7. Of these, only 256 presented themselves at the emergency consular office. This brings and Uganda to be in her pocket the total who have received permits in the first four days to 880 heads of families, compared with 1,166 called forward.

It is uncertain what has happened to the missing 286 but British officials point out that the names of applicants on their files go back a couple of years and they may have emigrated elsewhere.

Family groups are averaging three people rather than five as had been expected, and this alone reduced the total number in the first group of Asians from 15,000 to

The situation is a little less relaxed at Entebbe airport, where all From Our Correspondent departing passengers, not Asians, are being thoroughly

"not a single Ugandan shilling." may be taken out. It restricts departing Asians to one ring, one watch, two bangles, one necklace and one pair of earrings.

The amount of foreign currency that can be taken out is restricted to £50 a head of family. Unaccompanied luggage is restricted to 200 kilograms of soft furnishings, and passengers can take 20kg of personal soft belongings.

A British official issued a short statement today denying a claim by | had yet been issued. President Amin that he discussed aid with Mr Richard Slater, the British High Commissioner, last apparently the victims of the January. In a speech last night the President said that when he was foreigners in Uganda since Presigoing to West Germany Mr Slater | dent Amin's decision to expel all told him that if he was going to Asians who had not taken Ugandan have assistance from any other citizenship. The United States has country Britain would withdraw President Amin said he told Mr Slater that if Britain wanted him

The British official said today: "The President appears to have been misreported, as the high commissioner had no private talk with him between Mr Slater's return from home leave on January | caused 15 and the President's departure for Germany on February 6.

10 time made the statement attributed to him nor said anything that | said last night. Diary, page 12

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# tourists after border incident

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that it was advising diplomats and large number of new immigrants. A notice warns passengers that | American tourists to travel only by | Birmingham City Council general air if they were going to Uganda. where Ugandan troops had been | Uganda. posted to deter Asians being expelled from Uganda from smugg- take advantage of the experience ling out their goods.

> travel by air. No official warning | Asians had not settled before. Mr Pierre Shostal, the American | resettlement board should bear in his wife were diplomat, and protested about the incident both to the Ugandan Ambassador in Washington and to the Government in Kampala.

### it would be better to withdraw the tor jobs anxiety

The anxiety of 900,000 unemployed over the prospect of a large | given to Asians in the allocation of Leicester councillors travelled to rather than the threatened influx ham area to join a mass protest "The high commissioner has at

## Settlement on national basis wanted by regional bodies

By Staff Reporters

Council members in the regions asked the Government yesterday to organize the settlement Asians from Uganda on a national basis. Birmingham, Leicester and Bolton pointed out the difficulties The State Department said today | they would face in coping with a called on the Government to set could help also, he said.

It issued it warning after an Ameri- up regional bodies to coordinate can diplomat and his wife were the activities of voluntary organi-"roughed up" at a remote zations and local authorities in Ugandan-Rwandee border post, dealing with the Asians from It said the Government should

of Asians in areas such as Birming-Individual tourists who sought ham to help to establish commuadvice were similarly advised to nities in parts of the country where The committee urged that the

> mind that the high proportion of immigrants already in Birmingham and other cities had given rise to difficulties, particularly in housing, education and employment. "The burden imposed by a-considerable influx of Uganda Asians

should, to the fullest extent, be evenly throughout the country. If extra expenditure is incurred in any area this should be reimbursed from Exchequer funds so as to spread the load", the committee said.

The city decided to set up an allparty subcommittee but it was stated that priority could not be could not cope with any more."

An appeal was made yesterday city could not take any more for factory workers in the Birming- immigrants. stewards at a factory at Winson are overloaded. We have told the difficulties.

Green organizing the march said: "We are already bursting at the seams and cannot take any more

The West Riding could accommodate up to 8,000 Asians, Lord Wade, chairman of the Yorkshire Committee for Community Relations, said yesterday. Halifax was a potential main resettlement area purposes committee yesterday and some of the smaller towns

> Lord Wade said: "It is not possible to assess the numbers that may decide to come to Yorkshire. although I have been working on an estimate of a fifth or sixth of the total intake. At a guess I would say that the county could take up to 8,000." He called on the people of Yorkshire to welcome the immigrants and set an example to the rest of the country.

Lord Wade said there was no question of a population explosion. because in spite of the continued inflow of immigrants in recent years there had been a decline in population in the region. There were jobs in Bradford and other areas that could be filled by Uganda Asians, especially those with technical skills.

But the Conservative members of Bradford City Council sent a letter yesterday to the Prime Minister demanding a ban on any further Singleton, leader of the group, said: owns about 10,000 of the 13.000 "The harsh reality is that we are resources are at full stretch and we

Alderman Edward Marston,

minister that we cannot cope with any more immigrants". Mr Marston said after a twohour interview with Mr David

Lane, Under-Secretary of State, be forced to move out to make that the Government had assured the deputation that money would owners. "These tenants will then be available to local authorities to be homeless", the survey says. enable them to cope.

A series of meetings to set up a reception committee will be held the immigrant community.

Mr Lucas said: "We have no employment. surplus places in our schools and find most anything more would lead to overcrowding. We must do everything to smooth the path of the new arrivals but I think the Government ought to give us some kind of grant to deal with this. Corby urban council, Northants, and the town's development corporation differ on the question of

accepting immigrants. rented houses in Corby, is willing between five and ten Asian

The urban council is hesitant the Home Office to say that the about accepting the suggestion. Councillor David Moon, chairman of the council, said any attempt to | held a march in protest against

## Home ownership is aim of the settlers in Britain

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It pinpoints the difficulties facing Asians living as tenants in houses owned by other East African Asians, and who will soon room for the relatives of the house In an introduction the commis-

Bolton: A call for government aid | sion acknowledges that because of occupation. to towns expected to receive the the short time available in the immigrants was made yesterday by present crisis, the information con-Alderman Harry Lucas, leader of | tained in the survey is inevitably Bolton Town Council. It has been | "impressionistic". But commisestimated that the town's 7,000 | sion officials are known to believe Asian immigrant population will that in the present atmosphere the be increased by another thousand more hard facts known the better, as on the whole they tend to allay the more pessimistic predictions.

On the subject of jobs, the survey between chairmen of corporation | predicts that if present trends concommittees likely to be involved, I tinue, unskilled workers, women representatives of the opposition and skilled manual workers among Conservative group and leaders of the arriving Uganda Asians will have the least difficulty in finding "Those who will present situation will be shopkeepers, traders and the professional classes", it adds.

Emphasizing the difficulty of making meaningful forecasts, the report states that Bolton, Leicester regarded advisory services of the and Bradford have "especially ex- utmost importance, and emphapressed doubts as to their capacity sized the need for language classes to provide adequate employment for the women. The survey found boroughs also expressed concern. elder East African Asian women But Bedford reported a favourable was often not shared by their situation, especially for women. that the accommodation of East style".

African Asian children into schools was immediate, or at least within two to five weeks. However, one difficult area was Ealing, which faced delays of three to six months in the cases of immigrants of secondary-school age.

The survey found that in housing the overriding trend among East African Asians was towards owner-

All areas covered called for government aid with mortgage loans and temporary waiving of council house residential restrictions. At yesterday's meeting of community relations officers the need for financial aid was one of the main points of concern.

The survey concludes that in general Asian immigrants from East Africa had no special health and welfare needs other than those in common with the immigrant population as a whole.

It states that the incoming immigrants will put most strain on the maternity services, but adds the hope that doctors and nurses will be among those arriving from

All councils made clear that they London that the social reticence of the younger counterparts. "who often In education the survey found adapt easily to the Western life-

#### Aid from churches Protest march planned Smithfield meat porters, who

The World Council of Churches. at the request of Christian Aid, has herd Asians into groups would Asian immigration last week, are lagreed to make about £8,000 itself, Mr Peter Shore, Labour | march through the city on Saturday leader of the Labour-controlled encourage ghettoes. There would to march to the headquarters of available in Britain, if needed, to spokesman on European affairs, against the Asian immigrants. Shop council, said: "All our services also be housing and schooling the Transport and General help resettlement of Uganda Workers' Union next week.

## Asians tell of passports cut, broken-glass haircuts

said there were violent scenes at Kampala when Asians found their passports had been cut up.

"There were long queues to get to the officials", he said. "I saw a Ugandan MP suddenly push two women as hard as he could. They fell to the floor and were injured.

"The authorities later admitted that they had been wrong in cutting the passports. In Kampala the police were armed with machine The Asians were reluctant to give

their names. They said reports had reached Uganda of interviews given on Wednesday, and they were afraid for their relatives there. A woman said: "The scenes at Kampala were terrible. Naturally

checked, but some passports had been collected and made invalid by

and beard removed by the bottle

As they waited to leave for London the immigrants said they had

One said: "I went to the air-

## Stories of cruelty, haircuts with came more violent. People had been broken beer bottles, and arrests told that they had to go on a certain were told yesterday by Uganda day to have their citizen status

A boy aged 16 said he had been ordered to get his hair cut and that had been done to others with broken bottles. "I went straight to the barber's", he said. "It was no idle threat. Several people had been grabbed and had long hair

been made to hand over all their

port a few days ago to see someone off and the officials found a \$5 American bill in an immigrant's taken off to the cells." About a dozen Asians arrived all the Asians were anxious, and vesterday. Most appeared to be

## as the day wore on the scenes be- making for the Midlands. Sir Alec calls decision inhuman and unjust

night Sir Alec Douglas-Home, dent in 1962 there were many Secretary of State for Foreign and Asians there who were British Commonwealth Affairs, said: citizens. There was nothing un-I thought that you would like me usual about that. When Uganda to put before you the full facts became independent it adopted its about the Uganda Asians following own nationality law. Like other General Amin's decision to expel East African countries, Uganda British passport holders against the gave its citizenship automatically deadline of 90 days. That has only to those who had been born faced this country with a very diffi- there and had at least one parent cult problem. His decision is in- born there as well. There were human and unjust and, what is therefore many people who did

I had hoped that he could be persuaded to change his mind and we coming stateless and many of them are still working for this. We must, obtained British passports. however, plan on the assumption Now successive British governthat these unfortunate people are to be thrown out. It would be foolish and irresponsible to do otherwise. We have of course made it absolutely clear to the Ugandan Government that if United Kingdom passport holders have to leave they must be given a proper opportunity to wind up their affairs, to sell their property and to transfer their assets. It is intolerable that they should be deprived of their goods and arrive here

I have also said that all economic relations between Britain and Uganda will have to be reviewed, and right at the start of this affair I suspended any further action on the £10m loan which was in prospect because it was quite clear even then that we should have to use some of our resources to help in resettlement.

The Government's first priority has been, as a matter of great urgency, to get in touch with over 20 governments all over the world who might assist. This is a human problem and we are entitled to ask for help from the Commonwealth and foreign countries, and from the international community; all who might take some of these unfortunate people have already been approached.

Yesterday the Minister of State, Mr Godber, flew to Geneva to see , the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. We have already, too, a notable and welcome offer from the Canadian Government and other governments have indicated that they will respond to our plea. The Aga Khan is being as helpful as he possibly can in regard community.

If we are to succeed in these international efforts we must of course ports are a British responsibility and some must come here. Why is that so? For one thing, we have a legal obligation and I would like, if I may, to explain it.

In a television broadcast last Before Uganda became indepenmore, unnecessary, because from not become Ugandan citizens 1968 onwards we were dealing with automatically but kept their British the intake of Asians in an orderly citizenship. The British Government of the day accepted this in order to prevent these people be-

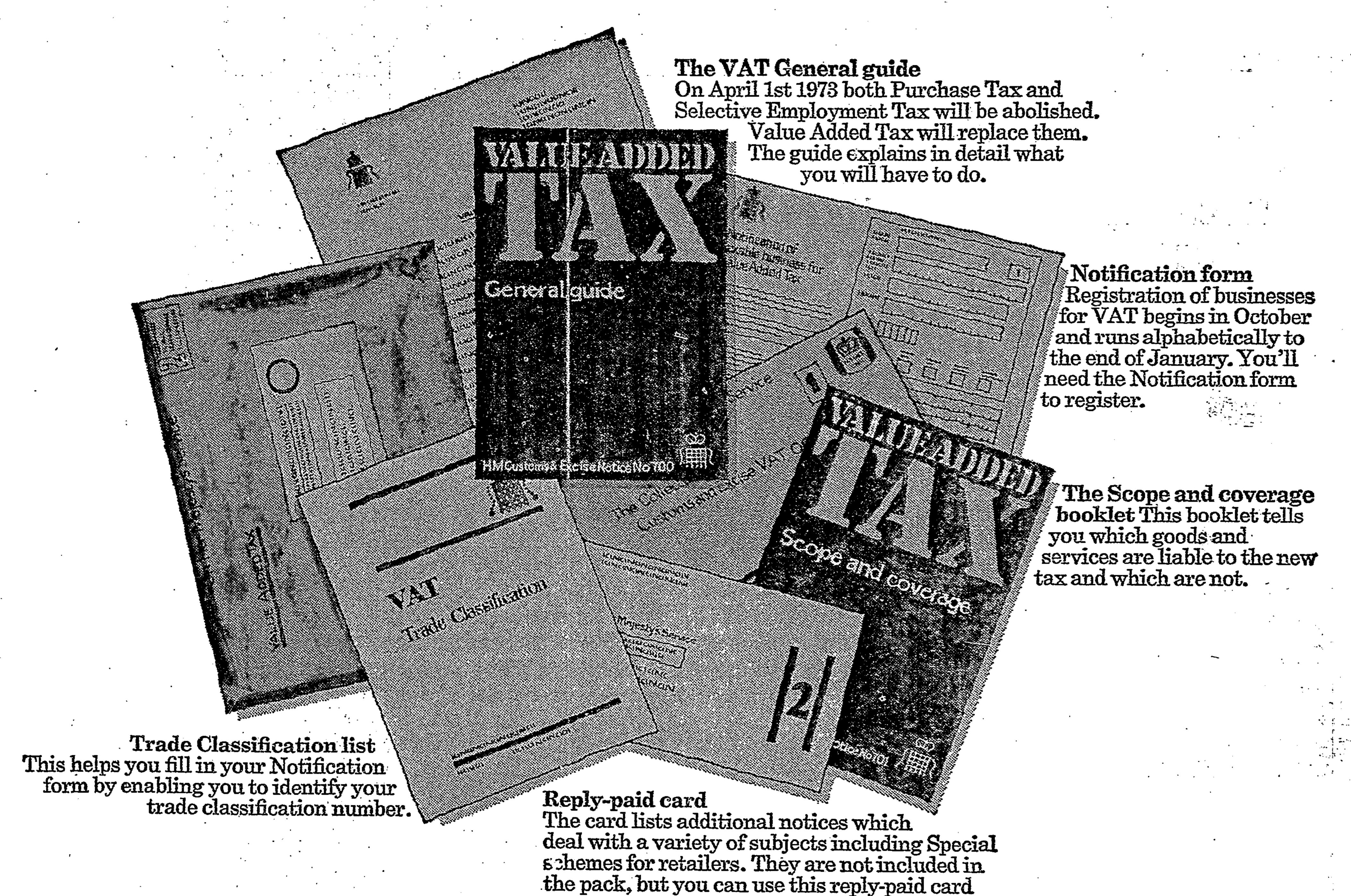
ments have made clear that in the last resort if these people were. ever expelled we accepted an obligation to take them in, and to go back on that would be to break the word solemnly given of successive British governments. But it is not only a matter of the British Government's word. Under international law a state has a duty to accept those of its nationals who have nowhere else to go. It has ' been suggested that the definition of United Kingdom nationals. which has been adopted for the purposes of the Treaty of Accession to the European Communities, is in some way related to these questions. But, as the Attorney General pointed out yesterday, that I

So much then for the legal obligations. But, as I have said, this is as well a great human problem and in the last resort if homes elsewhere in the world cannot be found for them we must take these unlucky people in. They are already in great distress and anxiety and the future for themselves and their

So what are we doing at home? As you know, the Home Secretary has set up a board under Sir Charles Cunningham's chairmanship to receive and resettle in an orderly way those who come here. This board will work closely with the local authorities concerned. The Government fully realizes that additional burdens will be placed on local communities, many of which are already coping with considerable social problems. We will help them and we will make additional resources available to

So that is what we are doing internationally and nationally. A problem as big as this should be dealt with in an orderly and a humane be ready to play our own part. I way and I hope that General am sure that new homes can be Amin even now will change his found for many of these Asians policies so that it can be tackled throughout the world, and it will with humanity and justice. But be our urgent aim to coordinate even if we continue to be faced this international effort. But in the with threats and deadlines, I am end these Asians with British pass- sure that the British people as a whole will see the clear duty which I have described and which rests upon us, and will meet the problem pressed upon our nation with our traditional calm and resource.

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