

Cuban Children Find Haven In Arizona

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TUCSON — On Christmas Eve, 1960, the U.S. State Department sent official word to Father Walsh of the Catholic Welfare Bureau of Florida to proceed with arrangements to receive 200 unaccompanied Cuban children between the ages of six and 18 years. The United States was opening its arms to the children of a foreign country.

From that time until the Cuban Crisis last October, the Cuban parents and relatives of some 8,000 children have entrusted their care

to child-placing agencies in 93 communities spread across this country from Miami, Fla., to Yakima, Wash. The per diem payments for each child and the cost of transportation have been borne by the Federal Government.

The first group of Cuban refugee children assigned to Catholic Social Service of the Diocese of Tucson arrived by plane from Miami the latter part of August, 1961. Since that time, a total of 52 Cuban refugee children have arrived here. The children have been placed at Immaculate Heart Academy and Immaculate Heart High School, both of Tucson, and at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Nogales.

Of the original 52 children under the care of the Catholic Social Service, Diocese of Tucson, 32 have been reunited with their parents or guardians either in Miami or in other localities where the parents have settled and found employment.

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