

Himalaya Peasant Refugees Living in Makeshift Homes

New Delhi — More than 8,000 refugees from the Himalayan mountain areas overrun by the Communist Chinese are living in thatched hut camps and makeshift quarters in Assam state today, and wondering what comes next.

The refugees for the most part are long-haired, moon-faced Mompas, who fled before the Chinese October at-

tack from the valley homes where their kind have lived for hundreds of years.

First, they fled the monastery town of Towang to Bomdi La, and then went from Bomdi La to the plains of Assam when the Chinese struck again.

They walked, rode tiny mountain ponies or were carried by truck from the fight-

ing areas in the northeast frontier agency (NEFA) to the refugee camps in Assam.

The Assam State government undertook to help them by setting up makeshift camps south of the Brahmaputra river near Tezpur, and in Gauhati, 100 miles farther to the southwest, where they are being housed in school and college buildings.

In their bulky robes, felt clothes and leather boots, they drink thick tea and wonder what their next move will be.

Most are expected to return to their Himalayan homes in the wake of any Red Chinese withdrawals.

Many will return after their

first look at the Indian plains with some serious doubts about the future and their Indian protectors.

The refugees told reporters in Tezpur shortly after their arrival last month that "airplanes can strike the enemy best in these hills."

"Why not send airplanes to help us?" they asked. "Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is a great leader. Why does he not hurl these invaders from our land?"

"When you allow them into your house, it is difficult to get rid of them. Is it not foolish to venture into a threatening storm without umbrellas? Why not prepare fully for the next storm?"

Indian officials are not commenting, but one of their toughest problems is Indian control is re-established throughout the NEFA will be to regain the confidence of the tribesmen. For the past 15 years, Indian administrators have been at work establishing contact in the wild tribal area which the British left largely alone when they controlled India.

India's crushing defeat at the hands of the Red Chinese is expected to make the tribesmen dubious of New Delhi's authority.

One newsman observed that "Indian troops are unlikely to be greeted by cheers when and if they return to Bomdi La and Towang."

The Chinese also are expected to leave behind Mompas agents of their own, which will force the Indians to crack down on some natives for security reasons and probably thereby breed dissension.

Record Demand Noted for Grads In Teaching Field

Corvallis — A record number of requests for teachers were handled by the Oregon State University Teacher Placement Office the past year and the over-all job outlook for graduates this year is as good or better.

But opportunities are considerably brighter in some teaching fields than others and school administrators are "much more choosy than ever before" in selection of new teachers, says Mrs. Kathryn H. Smith, Teacher Placement program director at OSU, a former school superintendent.

More well-trained elementary teachers are especially needed now — and will be for years to come — Mrs. Smith

notes in her report. Opportunities are especially good for men in elementary education, she added.

Biggest teacher shortage fields in junior and senior high schools the past year included the physical sciences (physics, chemistry, math), English (particularly women teachers), foreign languages, girls physical education, and library.

College Opportunities

A steady demand exists for teachers of agriculture, home economics and industrial arts. College teacher opportunities are getting better each year with rapidly increasing enrollments in higher education.

The OSU Teacher Placement Office had more than

10,000 requests for teachers last year — about 10 per cent more than any previous year, Mrs. Smith reported. Employer interviews with this year's graduates are scheduled to begin the end of January.

Freighter Breaks Into Three Parts

Coos Bay — The stricken lumber ship Alaska Cedar of Portland has broken into three parts, the Coast Guard said.

The 256-foot vessel, carrying a load of lumber, was smashed onto the north jetty at Coos Bay Sunday. A helicopter helped rescue its crew of 24 men.

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