

Harwich: Exiles freed from Russia

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Harwich: From the military leave-ship "Vienna" two British civilians come ashore with nightmare memories of life under Communism. They are Eric Pleasants of Norfolk, and behind him, William Piddington - who have just been released after years of imprisonment in Russian force-labour camps. Pleasants - a circus artist - (now happily re-united with his Mother) served six of a twenty-five year sentence for alleged espionage...

Piddington spent two years in solitary confinement, and naturally had strong views when asked what he thought about Communism?

**NOW SEE WHAT COMMUNISM HAS BROUGHT TO INDO-CHINA. THIS IS A COUNTER ATTACK BY MOROCCAN INFANTRY ON THE VILLAGE OF PHU-LY.**

**THEIR HOMES DESTROYED - REFUGEES FOLLOW THE RETREAT BEFORE ADVANCING REDS**

An advance that has resulted in more human misery in the Red River Delta. These scenes of the flight from Nam Dinh were repeated in hundreds of towns and villages evacuated by the French. With convoys choking the roads, all available aircraft were brought into action - flying out from airstrips guarded by women commandos. And in the wake of this strategic withdrawal by the French forces came the flotsam of war - the straggling columns of refugees, **FLEEING**,

~~... of the Korean war ...~~  
~~... from the "New Order"~~  
 that has suddenly overshadowed their lives.

Their flight of terror - a pathetic indictment of Communist rule.