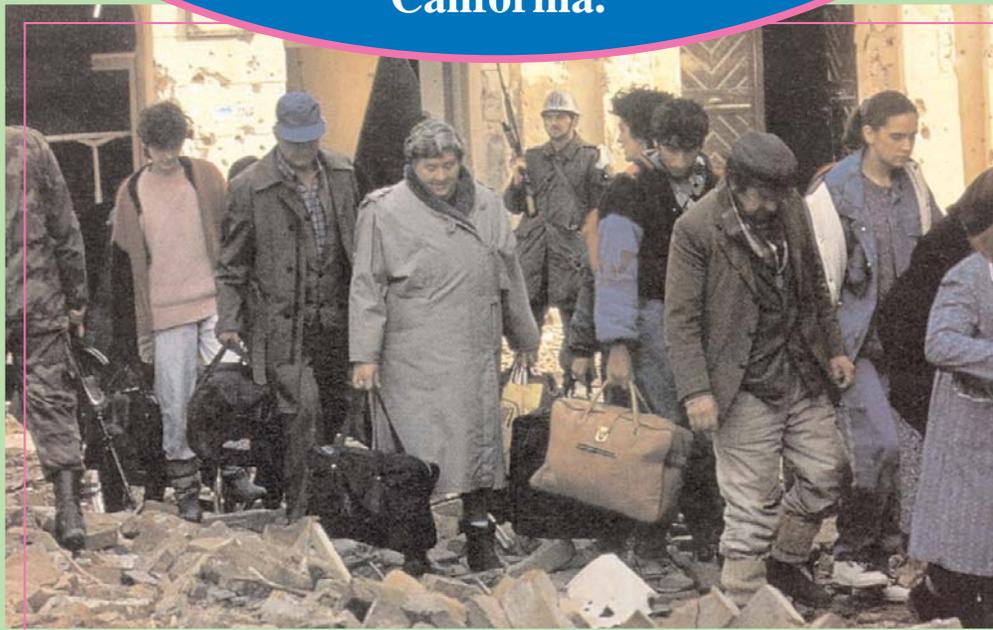


WHAT IS THE REFUGEE PROGRAMS BUREAU (RPB)?

The RPB works in partnership with many government, private and community-based organizations at the federal, state, and local levels to administer the Refugee Resettlement Program in California.



WHO ARE REFUGEES?

A refugee is any person who is unable to return to his or her own country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Refugees are sometimes included in the broader category of immigrants. Generally, most immigrants voluntarily choose to leave their countries of origin while refugees are forced to flee their countries of origin and then accepted by another country for resettlement.