

REFUGEES, RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT:

THE EARLY COLD WAR AND DECOLONIZATION

In this collection, pamphlets, ephemera, government documentation, relief organization publications, and reports chronicle the causes, effects, and responses to refugee crises with the onset of the Cold War and the rise of independence movements that followed decolonization in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

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1939 – 1987

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ABOUT THE ARCHIVE

Refugees, Relief, and Resettlement: The Early Cold War and Decolonization opens a window onto the history of refugees and forced migration, expanding the possibilities of research for scholars and students who are studying the history of—and who may possibly come to work with— refugee populations.

With over 89 million individuals presently dislocated by war, famine, economic decline, and environmental disaster, refugee crises have become an ever-more visible part of our daily global reality. *Refugees, Relief, and Resettlement: The Early Cold War and Decolonization* chronicles in part how we have arrived at this reality. This digital archive brings together government files, refugee agency reports, and other key documentation to explain the challenges faced by those individuals forced to flee their homes and homelands and the obstacles posed to government departments and relief agencies that sought to resettle and repatriate refugees.

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Refugee Records from the General Correspondence Files of the Political Departments of the Foreign Office, Record Group 371

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Details aspects of displaced populations fleeing Eastern European Communism or displaced by internecine or cross-border conflicts in the decolonized territories of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

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