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## ***New Allegations of Abuse at Krome Detention Center: Committee Requests Entry***

Renewed reports of harassment and intimidation against Haitians detained at the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Krome Avenue detention facility in Florida have prompted the Minnesota Lawyers Committee and Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) to request permission to investigate the facility for a second time.

Detainee affidavits provided to the Haitian Refugee Center describe beatings by guards and the death of a detainee who allegedly did not receive timely medical attention when he collapsed for unknown reasons at the facility.

Strip searches, confiscation of Bibles, inadequate access to counsel, and verbal and physical abuse are detailed in the affidavits. In other reports, detainees said that guards routinely awaken them at 4 a.m. to clean toilets with their bare hands, saying, "You are all HIV positive anyway." The detainees report that mistreatment has escalated since a fire

broke out at the facility on May 30, 1992.

The two human rights groups want to enter the facility to conduct an impartial investigation of these allegations through private and confidential interviews with detainees as well as site visits and interviews with prison officials. Permission has not yet been denied or granted.

In April 1991, the two organizations issued a report on Krome after sending a team of doctors and lawyers to visit the facility. Hidden from View: Human

Rights Conditions in the Krome Detention Center documented human rights concerns, including procedures impeding detainee access to counsel, evidence of physical and sexual abuse of detainees and abuse of discretion in the use of solitary confinement. The report emphasized that INS had repeatedly refused to allow independent outside groups access to the facility and detainees, thus thwarting full investigation and adequate monitoring. While the MLC/PHR team members received access to the facility and initially had been

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*President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti was the honored guest at the MLC's Eighth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner on June 1. For more on the Human Rights Awards Dinner, see the story and photos on pages 4-5.*

# elements

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The **African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights** is a regional supervisory organ mandated to implement the human rights provided for in the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Africa is a continent which continues to receive increased scrutiny from various organizations because of its serious and ongoing violations of human rights. Discussions on the adoption of a human rights instrument for Africa began as early as the 1960s. Yet it was not until 1979, after an era in which many Africans had suffered at the hands of ruthless African leaders, that the drafting of the African Charter began. The Charter was to be responsive to "African concerns, African traditions, and African conditions." At the same time, the African jurists who drafted the Charter were advised to make the document universal in nature because, according to Sedar Senghor, former President of Senegal, "(hu)mankind is one and indivisible and the basic needs of human beings are similar everywhere."

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The African Charter was adopted on June 27, 1981 by the Organization of African Unity (OAU). It entered into force on October 21, 1986. To date, 43 out of the 51 OAU Member States have ratified the Charter.

The African Charter contains an extensive catalogue of classic Civil and Political Rights as well as Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. With respect to Civil and Political Rights, the Charter sets forth an equal protection clause and guarantees the right to life, liberty and integrity. It prohibits slavery and torture as well as cruel and inhuman treatment. The right to due process and freedom from ex post facto laws are guaranteed by the Charter. The freedoms of conscience, religion, expression, movement, association and assembly are enshrined therein. The treaty recognizes the right to participate freely in government, the right to asylum and prohibits the mass expulsion of aliens. The Charter's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights include the right to property, the right to work, the right to equal remuneration for equal work, the right to enjoyment of physical and mental health and the right to education.

The Charter departs from recognized international principles of human rights and proclaims collective or "peoples" rights and individual duties. The list of collective rights includes the rights of peoples to self determination, to full sovereignty over their natural resources, the right to development, the right to peace, and the right to a satisfactory environment favorable to a peoples' development. The duty provision imposes obligations on individuals towards their family, community and State.

An African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights is established under the African Charter. The Commission is composed of 11 members who serve in their personal capacities. The Commission's mandate is to implement the rights provided for in the Charter. Individuals, organizations and States are entitled to submit complaints of acts in violation of the Charter to the Commission. Also, the Commission is entrusted with the task to review periodic reports by States parties on measures which the States have adopted to give effect to the Charter.

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### ***request for donations***

**Radio Enriquillo**, recipient of the MLC's 1992 Human Rights Award for their heroic efforts to promote freedom of expression, is conducting a fund drive in response to unanticipated expenses resulting from their Creole broadcasts and consequent need to stay in constant contact with Haiti. The station is looking for 1,000 friends of Radio Enriquillo to pledge \$100 each.

Please send **donations of any amount to:** Missionhurst, 4651 North 25th Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Make checks payable to Missionhurst and include a note specifying that the money is to support Radio Enriquillo.

### ***donation opportunity***

The Minnesota Lawyers Committee is looking for a used or new VCR and television to be able to view the mounting number of training and other videotapes in our video library. Please call the Minnesota Lawyers Committee at (612) 341-3302 if you or your office would like to donate a VCR, television, or both!

From February 1 to May 1, 1992, Evelyn Ankumah of the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee served as Legal Counsel at the Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights at Banjul, The Gambia. (see *Elements article at page 2 for further information about the African Commission*)

The African Commission is a relatively new body which has been functioning for five years. Because of limited financial resources, at present there is only one professional staff working at the Secretariat. The Minnesota Lawyers Committee, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center, sponsored Evelyn Ankumah to assist with the activities at the Commission's Secretariat. Ms. Ankumah had been invited by the Commission to serve as Legal Counsel at its Secretariat.

During her three month tenure, Ms. Ankumah assisted in a wide range of promotional and protective human rights activities. In particular, she assisted in the processing of individual complaints, examination of periodic state reports, preparation of draft resolutions and the preparation of the Commission's reports. Also, Ms. Ankumah assisted in preparing and attended a workshop organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) at Tunis, Tunisia, prior to the 11th Session of the African Commission. The theme of the workshop was the implementation of the African Charter by the African Commission.

Ms. Ankumah's human rights activities in Africa included the presentation of a paper at the 4th annual meeting of the African Society of International and Comparative Law, held at Dakar, Senegal. The meeting was well attended by African and non-African NGOs and academics, International Organizations, a member of the African Commission, and members of the Inter-

national Court of Justice. Ankumah's paper was entitled: "Admissibility Requirements Under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights - Procedure and Practice." The purpose of the paper was to illustrate, by using hypothetical situations, how individuals and practitioners can maximize their chances of having their complaints declared admissible by the African Commission.

Ankumah is presently working on a first draft of a study in the nature of a critical assessment on the activities of the African Commission since its inception. Persons interested in Africa programs and the African Commission should contact the Committee at 341-3302 for further information.

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### **Committee Receives Project Grants**

The Minnesota Lawyers Committee recently received the following grants for its human rights work:

The Bremer Foundation awarded the Committee a \$10,000 grant to support the Cambodian Oral History Project;

The General Service Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant;

The Lawyers Trust Account Board awarded a \$9,000 grant to support the Refugee and Asylum's work for Temporary Protected Status clients; and,

the Minnesota State Bar Foundation awarded \$3,000 and the Hennepin County Bar Foundation awarded \$1,000 to the Refugee and Asylum Project.

The Minnesota Lawyers Committee thanks the following student interns and special volunteers for their work this summer:

**Cheryl Thomas** is a former partner at Briggs & Morgan who is working two days a week on the Khmer People's Archives Project, and Women's Rights Project.

**Greg Gisvold** is the Committee's Minnesota Justice Foundation intern working on the Death Penalty Defense Project.

**Peter Yost** is a first year student at the University of Minnesota Law School coordinating the Committee's humanitarian parole cases.

**Peter Baatrup** is a visiting law student from Denmark who is providing support research on the Committee's project on racism in Europe.

**Ramona Advani** is a first year student at Georgetown Law School who is providing research and support on various projects.

**Suk Kim** is a first year student at Columbia Law School who will be providing research on legal projects.

**David Thronson** is a first year student at Harvard Law School supported by the Harvard Human Rights Program who will be working on Southeast Asian issues.

**Michael Gregori** is a University of Minnesota student intern working on the Mexico Project.

Thanks also to spring interns **Jonathon Eoloff** of the University of Minnesota, and **Kim Sabo** and **Gail Buchler** of Macalester.

# asylum news

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## **Tibet**

The Refugee and Asylum Project is forming a Tibet subcommittee to provide immigration-related assistance to Tibetans who will be settling in Minnesota. Under the Immigration Act of 1990, 1,000 displaced Tibetans from India and Nepal will be granted permanent residence in the U.S. over the next three years. The Twin Cities Tibet Cluster Site is the largest of the 20 national clusters, hosting 200 Tibetans.

Tibet covers an area roughly equal to one-fourth of the continental U.S. It consists of a large plateau averaging 14,000 feet in elevation and surrounded on all sides by formidable mountain ranges, including the Himalayas. The largely agrarian and nomadic population of Tibet is estimated at nearly six million. In 1959 thousands of Tibetans were killed in an uprising against the Chinese government. Tibetans have suffered severe devastation of cultural and religious institutions.

Tibetans resettling in Minnesota will be matched with a local sponsor whose primary responsibility is to help facilitate the transition to living in the Twin Cities area. A sponsor also has the option of housing a Tibetan for up to three months. The long-term goal is to find permanent housing for each Tibetan newcomer. Each Tibetan immigrant must have received an offer of employment prior to arrival in the U.S. and will receive employment training locally.

The 1,000 Tibetans selected for immigration to the United States represent less than 1% of the total population of displaced Tibetans. The Tibet subcommittee will be active in providing legal and consulting services to help reunite local Tibetans with family members remaining in India or Nepal.

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Tibet subcommittee and invite your participation. For further in-

formation please contact Peter Yost or Nancy Arnison at the MLC (341-3302), or Jean Hamm (439-2821) or John Lundquist (871-0708) of the Twin Cities Tibet Cluster Site.

## **Thank You's**

The Refugee and Asylum Project wishes to thank the following attorneys who have recently volunteered to handle political asylum cases or humanitarian parole petitions through the Project.

### Direct Service Attorneys:

**Kate Brennan**, *Minnesota Attorney General's Office*

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## **Kekchi Indian Forcibly Recruited by Guatemalan Military at Age 11 Receives Asylum**

Mr. Laureano Urizar-Perez, a 21 year old Kekchi Indian from the Quiche region of Guatemala, was granted asylum by Judge Vinikoor at a June deportation hearing. In 1981, when Urizar-Perez was only 11 years old he was kidnapped in the marketplace, beaten, and forcibly recruited into the Guatemalan military.

Urizar-Perez's military platoon was made up of very young men and indigenous boys. During the course of 3 months of "boot camp," he witnessed the torture and death of 30-40 boys who were imprisoned for up to 18 months in deep pits dug in the ground because they were accused of being "deserters." Some indigenous recruits were severely punished and even killed for not obeying orders, merely because they could not understand commands in Spanish. Urizar-Perez learned Spanish quickly in the military in order to survive.

Urizar-Perez spent 3 months in active combat in the mountains of Guatemala, and was one of only two recruits to survive guerrilla warfare out of his platoon numbering approximately 150 soldiers. Many of his fellow soldiers died because, as young children, they were unable to protect themselves.

After he had completed 30 months of military service, Urizar-Perez returned home but fled to the capitol shortly

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## **Asylum Seminar Tapes Available**

Video and audio cassettes of the Refugee and Asylum Law and Policy Seminar held in March 1992 are now available for review. To borrow cassettes please call Rich Thomas at 341-3302.

# death penalty defense project

## ***The Mother of All Road Trips***

Early one Sunday morning a few weeks back, a quintet of Lindquist & Vennum attorneys gathered at the firm's downtown offices. Tom Fabel, Keith Ellison, Helen Mary Hughesdon, Jessica Ware and summer associate Tess O'Brien are members of a Lindquist & Vennum team representing Albert Burrell, an inmate on death row in Angola Prison in Louisiana. Piling into the "Famed Fabel Family Vehicle," the group drove some 22 hours to Ruston, LA, suffering only one 3:00 a.m. speeding violation. In Ruston, they met with relatives of Mr. Burrell, his former defense lawyers, law enforcement officials, and inspected court records. They also learned that three primary players in the trial which landed Mr. Burrell on death row had since experienced involuntary departure from public office, including a sheriff who himself was prosecuted and imprisoned for public corruption. Moving south through the Louisiana countryside, the Lindquist & Vennum team stopped to meet with attorneys from the Loyola Death Penalty Resource center and also caught up with the trial prosecutor in Baton Rouge. They also met with their client during a sobering visit to Angola Prison's death row. Armed with a greater understanding of the case, the mistakes and problems of the first trial, and the personnel involved, the team returned to Minneapolis. Lindquist & Vennum hopes to submit a habeas petition by the end of the summer.

## ***Faegre & Benson Examines Canadian's Plight***

Jim Volling and Betsy Van Hecke of Faegre & Benson have begun research into the case of Joseph Faulder, a Canadian citizen currently on death row in Texas. From the time of his arrest, through two successive trials and for fourteen years on death row, Mr. Faulder was not notified of his right to seek the aid of the Canadian government. Mr.

Faulder's family in Canada, who would have been able to orchestrate help for their brain damaged son, was not informed of his predicament. These factors may suggest remedies for Mr. Faulder under the Vienna Convention on Consular Affairs.

## ***Project Lends Advice to Eastern Europe***

The Death Penalty Defense Project is working with the ABA Eastern European Law Division to provide advice on international law and the death penalty as well as the administration of the death penalty and its effects.

## ***ABA President Meets With Project Volunteers***

ABA President Sandy D'Alemberte met with Death Penalty Defense Project volunteers recently to discuss the Project. Mr. D'Alemberte had heard of the Project's work recruiting and training lawyers to represent death row inmates. While in the Twin Cities for a Board of Governor's meeting Mr. D'Alemberte, who has a long record of death penalty pro bono representation and is currently involved in a case, requested the meeting. Present at the informal discussion were Jim Volling, Faegre & Benson, Craig Davis, Davis & Bernard, Jim Dorsey, Fredrikson & Byron, Karen Fairbairn, Holiday Companies, Wood Foster, MLIHRC Board of Directors, Greg Gisvold, law clerk for MLIHRC and the Project, and Sonia Rosen. Mr. D'Alemberte had high praise for the Project's unique role recruiting and training volunteer attorneys.

## ***A Call For Pleadings***

The Project is developing a database of information to broaden and streamline its support of volunteer attorneys representing capital defendants. To this end, the Project is compiling a brief bank, consisting of a wide variety of sample briefs and pleadings. If you have briefs

you think would be helpful, please forward them to the Project. If you have questions, please contact Sonia Rosen or Greg Gisvold at MLIHRC.

## ***Thank You's***

The Death Penalty Defense Project would like to recognize the following firms and individuals for taking a recent case or providing valuable assistance to the Project.

**Peter MacMillan, Rosenthal, Rondoni and Macmillan**

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Mark Schneider, Rosenthal, Rondoni and Macmillan**

**Nancy Vanderheider, Rosenthal, Rondoni and Macmillan**

**Betsy Van Hecke, Faegre & Benson**

## ***mark your calendars***

### **Training Seminar To Be Held In September**

On September 12, the Project will host its Second Annual Death Penalty Representation training seminar. Attorneys from the Loyola Death Penalty Resource Center in Louisiana and from the Texas Death Penalty Resource Center will join Minnesota volunteer attorneys to conduct the training. The training seminar will provide general and substantive information for new and experienced attorneys on representing death row inmates in post-conviction appeals. Watch your mailbox for additional information.

### **Death Penalty Defense Project Fundraiser**

Fun, friends and great music will be on order August 4 when the Project hosts its first ever fundraiser. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) will gain you admission to the Blues Saloon in St. Paul, where Jim Thackary and the Drivers will provide the tunes. The revelry will raise funds for the Project's activities recruiting and training volunteer lawyers and advocating against the use of the death penalty. Organizers Karen Fairbairn and Sonia Rosen hope to garner \$15,000 from the event. Stay tuned to this newsletter, bar journals and your mailbox for more details.

# 1992 Awards Dinner Honors

The Committee's Eighth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner was held June 1 at the Atrium, International Market Square. The event honored heroes of free expression, including Laura Waterman Wittstock, President of MIGIZI Communications; Fernando Solanas, Argentine filmmaker; and Pedro Ruquoy, Director of Radio Enriquillo in the Dominican Republic. Special guest at the dinner was President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti. Volunteer awards were presented to Scott and Rochelle Barsuhn, Nancy Etwiler, and John Mandler.



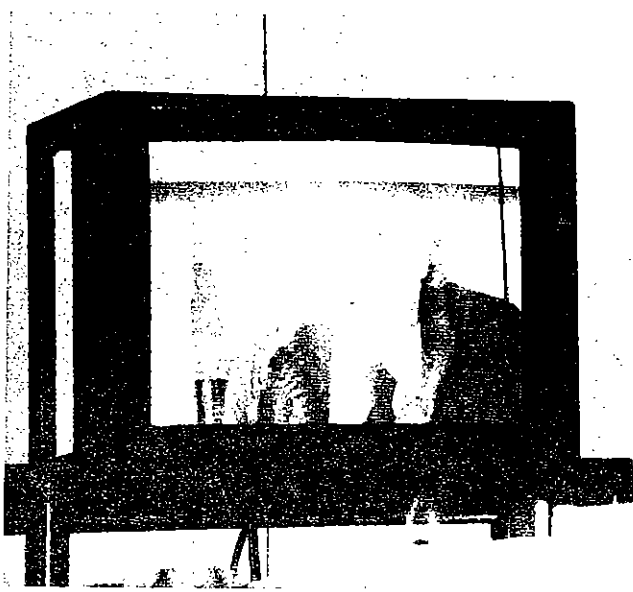
*Laura Waterman Wittstock talked about the obstacles to free expression for American Indians.*

*Board member Jim Dorsey congratulates Volunteer Award recipients Rochelle and Scott Barsuhn.*



*The Thompson & Lundquist table poses for a group photo.*

# Heroes of Free Expression



*Fernando "Pino" Solanas sent his acceptance speech on videotape.*



*Pedro Ruquoy sang the opening lines of the Creole language news program of Radio Enriquillo.*



*Haitian singer Manno Charlemagne delighted the audience with his music.*

*"We consider this award to be given not only to Radio Enriquillo, but also to all the valiant men and women of Haiti, who have used Radio Enriquillo to keep hope from dying and to keep alive the dream of a new society."*

**-Pedro Ruquoy  
Radio Enriquillo**

# thank you!

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# Human Rights and the Environment at the Earth Summit

by David McDonald

On June 3-14, 1992, the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development ("UNCED" or the Earth Summit) was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As a delegate for the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee, I was one of nearly 10,000 representatives of non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") to attend the Conference. Of special interest to me and the Minnesota Lawyers Committee was a one day mini-conference on the subject of Human Rights and the Environment.

In the last few years, there has been a growing body of literature and interest in the problems of the environment and its relation to human rights. The United Nations, environmental groups, and human rights groups have begun to struggle with the link between preservation of the environment and the promotion of human rights. For human rights groups, a consideration of the link between human rights and the environment has pushed these groups beyond their traditional concern for civil and political rights into the less defined area of economic, social and cultural rights.

In August 1989, the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities asked Mrs. Fatma Zohra Ksentini, an Algerian lawyer and technical expert for the Sub-Commission, to study the problems of the environment and its relation to human rights. Special Rapporteur Ksentini, in response to the request made by the Sub-Commission and approved by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and its parent body the Economic and Social Council, submitted her preliminary report to the Sub-Commission in August 1991. Mrs. Ksentini is submitting a revised report to the Sub-Commission this August with a final report planned for 1993.

As part of '92 Global Forum in Rio, the Sierra Club Legal Defense fund sponsored a conference on human rights and the environment at which Mrs. Ksentini described her work for the Sub-Commission. In addition, a panel of human rights and environmental activists from various countries commented on Mrs. Ksentini's study and their own work in the field. In the afternoon, a workshop was held that allowed NGO representatives an opportunity to provide input to the study process and to engage Mrs. Ksentini in an informal discussion of the issues raised in her preliminary report.

Central to Mrs. Ksentini's study is the fundamental question of whether the evolution of the law now enables us to progress from a law of the environment to a right to the environment. Complicating this question is the relationship between *development* - recognized as a human right by several international texts - and the *environment*. Underlying the links between the right to development and the right to the environment is the notion of the indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights.

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According to Mrs. Ksentini, it is impossible to separate the claim to the right to a healthy environment from the claim to the right to "sustainable" development.

Procedurally, Mrs. Ksentini's report considers whether the recognition of a right to an environment of quality necessitates the prior definition of "new rights" that accolade be described as "ecological rights", or whether such recognition needs only the affirmation of a "right to the environment" recognized as a human right that would give the human rights already recognized an ecological coloring with the new dimensions that would imply. In her report and at the conference in Rio, Mrs. Ksentini seemed to favor the latter approach.

The ultimate establishment of a right to the environment is impeded by two shortcomings. The first is the absence of a precise definition of the concept of the "right to the environment" or of the content that right should have. The second shortcoming is concerned with its effective implementation by or on behalf of the beneficiaries. With regard to this second shortcoming, Mrs. Ksentini believes that the trend towards universal recognition of this right will help in developing standards and principles to protect it. She believes that existing human rights mechanisms should be used to implement the right to the environment.

Much remains to be done in the study of the problems of the environment and its relation to human rights. For those who want to learn more about this subject and consider ways in which the Minnesota Lawyers Committee can become involved in this area, I invite you to attend an initial meeting on July 29 at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee, 400 Second Avenue South, Suite 1050, Minneapolis.

# calendar

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Wednesday, July 1: MLC Board of Directors meeting at the Hennepin Room of the CLE Conference Center, 514 Nicollet Mall, basement, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, July 17: "Women and Human Rights: the Feminist Struggle in Latin America", Barbara Frey reports on her attendance at the Regional Conference of the Latin American women's rights movement, 12:00 noon at Popham Haik law firm, 3300 Piper Jaffray Tower, Mpls. Bring a lunch.

Wednesday, July 22: Racism in Europe meeting, MLIHRC offices, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28: Training for interviewers in Khmer Archives Project, Refugee and Immigrant Resource Center, 1821 West University Ave., St. Paul, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29: Human Rights and the Environment organizing meeting, MLIHRC offices, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4: Death Penalty Defense Project fundraiser and party, featuring Jim Thackeray and the Drivers, at the Blues Saloon, 7:00 p.m., 601 Western Avenue North, St. Paul. Tickets are a bargain at \$25! Call Sonia Rosen (341-3302) or Karen Fairbairn (832-8557) for more information.

# volunteer opportunities

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**Refugee and Asylum Project:** *provide legal representation to indigent asylum applicants and refugee families; provide translation services in all languages. (Rich Thomas)*

**Tibet:** *provide representation to arriving refugees. (Nancy Arnison)*

**Albania and Eastern Europe:** *assistance to developing democracies. (Barb Frey)*

**Death Penalty Defense Project:** *post-conviction appeals for death row inmates in Louisiana and Texas. (Sonia Rosen)*

**Haiti:** *respond to human rights violations in unstable political situation. French language helpful. (Sonia Rosen)*

**News clippings:** *help us dig out from a backlog of clipping and filing news articles.*

**Khmer Archives Project:** *assist with organization, interviews, transcription of video oral histories of survivors of the Khmer Rouge genocide.*

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