

South High Student Body 'Adopts' 11-Yr.-Old Filipino

In place of the boy in Korea, financially "adopted" a few years ago and who no longer needs PLAN help, the Associated Student Body of South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, have financially "adopted" Rolando R. Reducindo, an 11-year-old Filipino boy, through Foster Parents' Plan, Inc. The Foster Parents have promised to contribute \$15 a month for the child's support for at least a year. They have already received a picture of the new overseas relative. A complete case history of the child accompanied the photograph.

The first letter has probably arrived by now, both original and translation. In it a Foster Child may describe how it feels suddenly to have shoes on his feet, a mattress to sleep on instead of a dirt floor, and the comfort of a full stomach. He always reports on his progress at school. Letters from his Foster Parent, both original and translation, are treasured. Often they tell about life in America. Letters are exchanged monthly.

A Foster Child starts learning about generosity, American-style, as soon as he is selected by a PLAN social worker in his country, and okayed by the local director. He draws all benefits while PLAN matches him with a Foster Parent who wants someone his age and nationality. Eligibility is determined by need and the ability to benefit. This means that every PLAN Foster Child must go to school. PLAN'S purpose is to guide a Foster Child toward economic independence, and subsequently to responsibility for his family and service to his country. American-help as a stepping stone to self help is the PLAN way.

This two-way street paved with love and gratitude remains open long after the

Foster Child achieves financial independence. By caring for a destitute child overseas a Foster Parent creates an indelible image of the "beautiful" American. One PLAN Foster Child wrote to his Foster Parent after he had become independent that "Nobody can tell me or my family that Americans are bad. I know how good they really are."

"Adoption" through PLAN is financial, not legal. Of the \$15 monthly that the Foster Parent agrees to contribute for at least a year, the child receives \$8 a month as a cash grant. The rest is spent for food and new clothing, medical care, school fees and equipment, and translations of letters. Because each child is different, PLAN meets any special needs through its General Fund which is made up of contributions from donors.

Foster Parents' Plan, Inc., is a non-sectarian, non-profit, non-propaganda, independent, government - approved organization. PLAN has no professional fund raisers and its financial statement is mailed with pride to anyone who asks for it.



ROLANDO R. REDUCINDO

RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATIONS LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

Right of way violations year in and year out have been the second leading cause of accidents in California.

In an attempt to clarify the responsibility for taking or yielding the right of way in certain turning and entering movements, California law now places a greater responsibility for making the movement safely upon the turning or entering driver.

Amendments to right of way laws are among more than 300 changes in motor vehicle legislation which became effective Sept. 20, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The laws involved deal with making left turns, entering a through highway, and approaching a "yield" sign.

In each case, the driver making the turn or entry not only must yield to approaching traffic, but continue to yield until such time as he can complete the movement with reasonable safety.

Previously, the turning or entering driver was required to yield to approaching traffic close enough to constitute a hazard; then he could proceed and oncoming traffic was required to give him the right of way.

The change actually puts the force of law behind what has become practice: The driver attempting to make a left turn or enter a through highway does so only after oncoming traffic has passed, leaving him a clear space in which to complete his turn or entry.

Another problem plaguing many California travelers—whether or not the pickup truck on which they mount a camper unit is a commercial vehicle—has been solved with the definition of the term "house car."

A house car is a motor vehicle originally designed or permanently altered to accommodate human habitation, or to which a camper unit has been permanently attached. A house car is registered as such, and fees are established on the same basis as a passenger car. If the camper unit is only temporarily mounted on the motorvehicle, the latter must be registered as a commercial vehicle, subject to weight fees.

Other changes in law: No one may open the door of a vehicle on the traffic side unless it is reasonably safe and the door can be opened without interfering with the movement of traffic.

The driver of any vehicle which collides with an unattended vehicle must notify without unnecessary delay the California Highway Patrol or the local police department, depending upon jurisdiction. Previously, the driver had 25 hours in which to make this notification. (Such notification is required only if the operator of the unattended vehicle cannot be located. In addition to notifying the police authority, a written note must be left on the vehicle). (Next: New laws affecting bicycles).

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