

## 27 Refugees Saved From Storm in Gulf

KEY WEST, Oct. 25 (AP)—  
The Coast Guard rescued 26 men and a pregnant woman from "about 10 boats" in heavy seas between Key West and Cuba today.

The woman was brought in by helicopter, the men came aboard the cutter Reliance, but their distressed boats, which a Coast Guard spokesman said apparently were headed for Cuba to pick up refugees were abandoned at sea.

Daisy Gutierrez, 23, was taken to Galey Memorial Hospital where she was reported in danger of miscarrying.

"I was aboard the Dona Belle, a 62-foot excursion boat from Naples, (Fla.," said Ignacio Silveiro, 34-year-old Cuban exile from Miami. "There were ten-foot waves and strong winds.

"At Elbow Key (in the Bahamas 60 miles southeast of Key West) we saw five other boats. We were within 40 yards of each other.

"A 26-foot boat with Mrs. Gutierrez and five men aboard dashed against the rocks. I swam to the boat, about 40 yards, and took her to a nearby abandoned lighthouse. She sat there awaiting rescue by the Coast Guard.

"Three of the boats sank. One, the 38-foot Madam X, continued to Cuba to bring out refugees."

Before a weekend storm blew up, some 1200 refugees crossed the choppy Florida Straits in small craft.

A 200-person capacity refugee waiting room will be completed here by next weekend, reported Cmdr. C. W. Wahl, Key West Coast Guard commanding officer.

The Swiss Ambassador to Cuba, Emil Stadelhofer, who handles U.S. affairs in the island nation, said in Washington that he expects a written agreement on the Cuban refugees before long.