

Delay Seen on Cuban Refugee Plan

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Start of any mass exodus from Cuba faces a delay despite a Cuban government announcement that boatloads of refugees can leave for the United States Sunday, a State Department official indicated today.

John H. Crimmmins, Coordinator of Cuban affairs, estimated it would take ten days after the United States and Cuba agree on ground rules for the movement to get under way. He added he expected no sizeable influx until negotiations are completed.

The Swiss Embassy, which handles U.S. matters in Cuba, presented the U.S. position to the Fidel Castro government yesterday "after a communications delay," Crimmmins told a news conference. He did not explain the delay.

"If our position prevails, I expect the movement would begin in ten days," said Crim-

mins, who flew here from Washington to make arrangements for the expected refugee influx.

Castro Notified

Crimmins said that meanwhile Castro has been notified that the United States looks with displeasure on jumping the gun on the program.

In Havana, the Foreign Ministry said newsmen would be taken to Camarioca, the exit point, to see several boatloads of exiles depart Sunday for the United States, 90 miles away.

The Coast Guard here announced it doubled normal patrols to discourage boats from going to Cuba to bring refugees prematurely.

"Private trips might jeopardize negotiations and endanger the future exodus of Cuban nationals," a Coast Guard spokesman said.

Crimmins said Cuban operators of boats leaving the

United States are not impeded, but are warned of possible prosecution on their return for violation of U.S. laws.

Free Move Planned

"It could be either by sea or air," he added. "It would be an orderly system of reliable transportation provided at no cost to the refugee."

Any arrivals before official start of the program would be processed as having been previous small boat refugees. These are averaging 150 persons monthly, Crimmmins said.

Prosecution of those ferrying them here would depend on circumstances, he added.

The case of two exiles who brought back 15 refugees—the first boatload since Castro's first exit offer—is under investigation today.

tion, he said. The boat reached Florida Thursday.

Crimmins and Joseph Meyers, of the Health, Education and Welfare Department, who accompanies him here, conferred with Federal and local officials regarding the impending Cuban influx.

Rapid refugee transfer to other U.S. cities will be pushed, Crimmmins said. "The entire resettlement operation is being cranked up," he commented.

The Coast Guard cutter Ariadne brought 36 refugees to Key West from Cay Sal, where the group had landed by boat yesterday. Two exiles were ferried them out of Cuba were flown to Key West. One had gunshot wounds and authorities were investigating.

After the refugees landed at Key West, they were taken to the Cuban refugee center at Miami where immigration authorities began processing them.

Soviet Cosmonauts To Visit West Berlin

BERLIN, Oct. 9 (AP)—Soviet cosmonauts Pavel Balyayev and Alexei Lenov, the first man to walk in space, have accepted an invitation to appear in West Berlin, the Society for German-Soviet Friendship announced today.

The Society is located in West Berlin and supported by the Communists. It said the two Russian spacemen will make a theater appearance Tuesday to "give information about their experiences and to answer questions."