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**Castro Press  
Seeks To Curb  
Cuban Exodus**

**30 Refugee Boats  
Due In Fla. Today**

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A boatload of Cuban refugees arrived here Sunday and another docked at New Orleans in the vanguard of an anticipated two-day exodus from Premier Fidel Castro's island.

A Coast Guard official said about 30 refugee boats may reach Key West by Monday. One arriving refugee said he counted 38 boats Saturday at the Cuban exit point of Camarioca.

One refugee boat was believed to have sunk 40 miles south of Key West.

The Coast Guard sent two cutters and several planes to the area after receiving a radio message "We are sinking."

The surface vessels abandoned the hunt after six hours but the search by air continued.

The radio message did not say how many were aboard, a Coast Guard official reported. "They did not get that far," he added.

Arriving aboard a 20-foot motorboat with five other new refugees was a 65-year-old mother of ten. A son and daughter came with her. Four sons and a daughter live in Miami.

The son who accompanied her, José Gonzalez Romero, 46, said he saw 40 refugee shuttleboats anchored at Camarioca when he left at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The first boatload to reach Key West Sunday contained 38 refugees. Six more landed at New Orleans in a disabled cabin cruiser towed by the Liberian freighter, the Costa Rican Trader.

There were four men and two boys aboard the boat that was towed into New Orleans. The men said they had used the government-owned cruiser for fishing, and several months ago had started plotting their escape from the island.