

2 More Boatloads Of Refugees Arrive

KEY WEST, Fla., Oct. 17 (AP)—A boatload of Cuban refugees arrived here today and another docked at New Orleans in the vanguard of an anticipated 2-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 yesterday at the Cuban exit point of Camarioca.

Meanwhile, another refugee boat was reporting sinking 40 miles south of Key West, and a Coast Guard cutter was dispatched to the site.

The first boatload to reach

Key West today contained 38 refugees. Six more landed at New Orleans in a disabled fishing boat.

Of the six aboard the New Orleans boat, two youths, Jorge Luis, 16, and Ricardo Espinosa, 17, said they were just crewmen and had no plans to leave Cuba. They said they wanted to return to Cuba because of their families there.

Capt. Guillermo Quintero, 41, said he and the other three had been planning their escape from Cuba for months, before the Castro regime relaxed its emigration policy. They set off Oct. 1 .

On Oct. 7, their diesel-powered boat ran out of fuel, and they drifted until Oct. 15, when they were taken in tow by a Liberian freighter, the Costa Rican Trader. The Coast Guard Cutter Pointee Verde took up the tow yesterday near the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Meanwhile, the government-controlled Cuban press apparently has begun a campaign to discourage would-be refugees from leaving.

The Havana Communist Party newspaper devoted half its front page today to what it claimed was a letter written by a Cuban mother to the Pentagon. The letter blamed the United States for the death of her son, who she said was a Cuban exile killed in action in Vietnam as an American soldier.

Stories from Camarioca in other papers told of Cubans who refused to join their exile relatives coming to pick them up.