

Foreigners to Leave Phnom Penh

Vienna

The new Cambodian government will permit evacuation of several hundred foreign citizens who have taken refuge in the French embassy in Phnom Penh, United Nations Secretary-General

Kurt Waldheim said yesterday.

Waldheim, in Vienna for talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, said the development was "a big success for the United Nations." He said he had pre-

viously appealed to both the new government and Cambodian chief of state Norodom Sihanouk in Peking, but he did not know who had approved the evacuation.

A U.N. spokesman in New York said Gerardus Teunis-

sen, the acting resident representative of the U.N. Development Program in Bangkok, telephoned that Phnom Penh authorities had agreed to transport the group by truck to the Thai border town of Poipet either today or tomorrow.

The evacuees will be met by the Thai Red Cross, and French-chartered buses will take them to various places in Thailand, the U.N. spokesman said.

French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues appealed for permission to fly out the ill and the children among the estimated 610 to 700 foreigners in the embassy compound. All but 100 are French citizens.

Sauvagnargues said he feared the ill might not be able to stand the 250-mile road journey.

Before communications were cut Monday, the embassy in Phnom Penh was surrounded by Khmer Rouge soldiers who permitted no one to leave or enter. No negotiations had taken place between consulate officials and the Khmer Rouge.

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