

Centers Bulging

Washington

The Pentagon is considering opening another base in the United States to be used as a relocation center for Indochina refugees or expanding the centers now located at three bases, a spokesman said yesterday.

The Pentagon estimates there are about 115,000 Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees under American control with 39,000 now at the processing centers in Arkansas, California and Florida.

The others who have not been processed are at bases and on ships strung out across the Pacific.

According to the Pentagon's latest figures, there are 2541 refugees at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida while Camp Pendleton, Cal-

if., has 18,646 and Ft. Chaffee, Ark., has 17,896.

When plans were announced to use the three bases, Pentagon officials estimated each could handle about 20,000 refugees.

When asked why more would not be sent to Eglin, the spokesman said the weather there is "pretty hot" to be living in tents.

He also suggested that sending more refugees to Eglin would require significant expansion of sanitation and other facilities.

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