

Move Is on to Settle Cambodians in U.S.

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 22 — Seven private organizations representing Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and nondenominational groups have offered to help resettle at least 1,000 Cambodian refugees in the United States.

Each organization has agreed to take at least 150 refugees, help them to find homes and jobs and make a new life in communities across the country.

The seven organizations two years ago helped resettle thousands of Asians when they were expelled from Uganda by President Idi Amin as part of a drive to give Africans control of the country's economy.

The 1,000 Cambodians who would be brought to the United States are now temporarily at U Taphao air base in Thailand. They were airlifted from Phnom Penh earlier this month. They would presumably be admitted under emergency procedures waiving the customary immigration processes.

Confer in Washington

Representatives of the seven agencies met today in Washington with Frank Kellogg, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Refugee and Migration Affairs.

The seven are United Hias, a Jewish organization, the United

States Catholic Conference, Church World Service which is Protestant and the Lutheran Council of the United States. The nondenominational groups are the International Rescue Committee, the American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees, and the Tolstoy Foundation.

The meeting in Washington today and earlier meetings with State Department officials have considered resettlement of Vietnamese as well as Cambodians. How large a group of Vietnamese would be resettled was unclear, according to a number of representatives who attended the meetings, which suggested that the Administration was still being cautious about discussing the dimensions of any evacuation.

More May Be Helped

The Cambodians will probably be airlifted from Thailand with the help of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, which has been active in assisting United Nations agencies to get relief supplies to civilians in Cambodia and Vietnam.

Representatives of the groups said there was a possibility that 1,200 additional Cambodians who also are out

of the country would be brought to the United States and that some kind of help would be arranged for 1,160 students in this country who have been cut off from their families at home.

Officials at the United Nations meanwhile reported today that the organization's emergency aid program for civilians in Indochina was running into financial trouble.

Secretary General Waldheim began the undertaking on March 31 with an appeal to 34 of the more affluent countries for funds or relief supplies to be distributed on both sides of the fighting by the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

To date only 13 governments have pledged help amounting to \$12.8-million and only half of this sum has been received. Some \$6-million in foods came from the World Food Program, a joint undertaking of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization. supplies from its warehouses to meet the most acute needs but has had to pay for air freight in many instances.

"Unless new contributions arrive soon, we will be stone broke," remarked one high official in the aid program.