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Immigrants
To be Spread
Across U.S.

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There were assurances from Washington yesterday that California will not become the repository of tens of thousands of Vietnamese refugees within the next days or weeks.

The state's two senators, Alan Cranston, and John Tunney said in statement that "only a few thousand" Vietnamese will be resettled in California.

They said that after receiving reports that a "massive influx" of refugees was expected to pour into the state, they conferred with Attorney General Edward Levi and former Ambassador to Jordan Dean Brown, who heads the inter-agency task force on the refugee problem.

"We are greatly concerned about foreign nationals being dumped into California's already depressed job market," the senators said.

However, the word from Brown was that, of a maximum total of 135,000 Southeast Asian refugees so far authorized by President Ford to come to this country, 80,000 have relatives in the U.S. and would presumably go to them.

The remainder — 50,000 South Vietnamese and 5000 Cambodians adjudged in "high risk" of death or reprisal from Communist forces — would be distributed across this country in proportion to existing population densities.

California, with about ten per cent of the nation's

population, would thus get about 5000 of the Vietnamese and 500 of the Cambodian "high risk" refugees.

Of the remaining 80,000 eligibles, 5000 are South Vietnamese who have already applied for U.S. citizenship and have relatives in this

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country. The rest are wives of U.S. citizens and their immediate family members.

While 75,000 are authorized in the latter category, the figure could be as low as 10,000 Brown's office said.

Cranston and Tunney said they were informed that the refugees "would absolutely not" be concentrated in one area in the way Cubans were resettled in Florida after the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion in 1962.

It is expected the Vietnamese will be distributed as the Hungarian refugees were handled after the revolt against Soviet troops.

Earlier in Sacramento, state Health and Welfare chief Mario Obledo told a news conference that Cali-

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ifornia is attempting to determine if the state can legally halt the potential flood of refugees.

He acknowledged that the state has absolutely no authority over immigration matters, but he said he proposed that "no refugees be accepted until definite plans are formulated by the federal government."

Obledo said he had sent a telegram to the commander of the Travis Air Force Base asking him to stop accepting refugees. But base spokesman Captain Frank Feiter said no wire has been received.

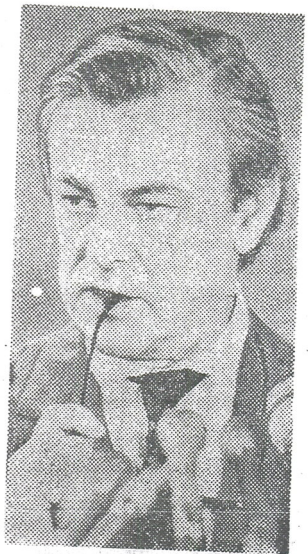
Robert Gnaizda, Obledo's

chief deputy who has been named to head the refugee program, said the federal government's "only concern is getting people out of South Vietnam and dumping them in California."

He said he, too, had talked with Brown in Washington and was "surprised by the lack of planning."

"I say don't come until provisions are made for their health and well-being, and for the health and well-being of the people of California," Gnaizda said.

Obledo said he wants to



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Relief coordinator

send a state representative to Guam, where thousands of Vietnamese refugees are being held temporarily to make certain proper health measures are being taken.

Yesterday at Travis, one military charter DC-8 arrived from the Philippines with 206 Americans and Vietnamese relatives of Americans. A second plane load carrying 24 Vietnamese orphans and 67 American and Vietnamese evacuees, originally due last night, was later reported delayed until today.