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More Refugees Pour In

Manila

Nearly 8000 refugees from Saigon arrived by air and sea at the two large U.S. bases in the central Philippines Sunday and yesterday.

Of the new arrivals, only 1700 were flown to Guam and Wake Island. The number remaining, including several hundred from previous flights, created a tremendous housing and food problem.

Scores of volunteers, members of servicemen's families at Clark Air Base, have worked around the clock attending to some

23,000 evacuees over the past three weeks.

The number of children passing through the base reached 1230 Sunday. More than 300 of these were still at the base while their adoption papers were being straightened out.

Subic naval base, ten miles away from Clark Field, began receiving refugees over the weekend with the arrival of the chartered ship Green Waves carrying 624 persons.

As the number of arrivals at the bases picked up, the Philippine government notified the U.S. embassy it was

acceding to the massive evacuation program "in view of the emergency situation and for humanitarian reasons."

But the Manila government, in the formal note, laid down three guidelines for further use of the facilities: That the U.S. speed up the transfer of evacuees to Guam and other destinations, that the maximum stay in the Philippines for each evacuee be three days, and that no South Vietnamese military personnel or political prisoners be brought in.

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