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**Congress Plans New Law
On Vietnamese Relocation**

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WASHINGTON, April 29—

Members of Congress began today to make plans for new legislation to pay for the evacuation of Saigon and the relocation of Vietnamese refugees in the United States.

Senator John J. Sparkman, Democrat of Alabama, said that President Ford had told him at the White House this morning that the evacuation had been paid for with Pentagon contingency funds that would now have to be replenished.

The House of Representatives had been scheduled to vote final passage of a bill that would have given President Ford limited authority to use combat troops to rescue Vietnamese and money for the evacuation effort and humanitarian aid.

But the action was put off indefinitely after the Speaker, Carl Albert, returned from the White House and announced that the evacuation authority might "be moot by the time this day is over."

Authority Issat Issue

Some members declared that Mr. Ford did not technically have the authority to order combat troops to evacuate Vietnamese from Saigon, since the legislation granting him that authority had not been enacted. But there was no criticism of the President's action.

"The Congressional intent was there," said Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, who noted that the Senate and the House had both approved the evacuation authority, even though the bill had not been finally enacted.

"I would certainly not expect the President to sacrifice lives waiting for final action," Mr. Javits added.

Senator Javits, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said Congress should proceed with enactment of the bill giving the President limited evacuation authority so that the precedent would be set that the President needed to come to Congress for approval when he wanted to use combat troops.

Representative Thomas E. Morgan, Democrat of Pennsylvania, who is the chairman of the House International Relations Committee, agreed with Senator Javits.

To scrap the legislation entirely, he said, would set "a bad example which may come to haunt the Congress in the future."

Situation Called Moot

Other members of Congress disagreed. Representative Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. of Massachusetts, the House Democratic leader, declared that the bill would give Mr. Ford too much authority to use troops and asked, "Why establish a precedent for a moot situation when you don't have to?"

There was a consensus, however, that Congress needed to act quickly to provide money to pay for the evacuation and to assist the more than 50,000 Vietnamese refugees who are to be brought to the United States.

Senator Sparkman, who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said President Ford had told him that the cost of the evacuation would be communicated to Congress by Thursday.

Mr. Sparkman said he

thought that House-Senate conferees on the original legislation would rewrite the necessary legislation without the entire legislative process having to begin anew.

Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Morgan said they preferred starting over with a new bill.

As the legislation emerged from the conference committee last week, it provided \$327-million for the evacuation effort and for humanitarian relief. It was not clear whether the conferees could not reallocate part of the money for assistance to Vietnamese in the United States.

Legislators from the three areas were refugee centers are to be located raised questions about the wisdom of using the particular military bases.

Senator John L. McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, said he had not been consulted about the selection of Fort Chaffee as one of the sites. He is chairman of the Appropriations Committee and any request for relocation aid would be under his jurisdiction.

Representative Robert L. F. Sikes, a Democrat, whose Florida district includes Eglin Air Force Base, said there was not room for the refugees at the base. He suggested that the Pentagon find an unused base.

Representative Andrew J. Hinshaw, Republican of California, in whose district Camp Pendleton is located, said he was concerned that "adequate steps be taken to screen refugees for health problems." He said that he did not believe that the Vietnamese would cause an economic problem in his area.