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Mixed Feelings in Arkansas By B. DRUMMOND AYRES Jr. Special to The New York Times

FORT CHAFFEE, Ark., April 30—The first planeload of an estimated 20,000 Vietnamese refugees scheduled for temporary resettlement at this reservist training base will arrive early Friday, United States Army authorities announced today.

Dozens of barracks and mess halls, most of them two-story wooden structures, hastily put up during World War II, have been readied for the influx.

About 1,000 of the exiles were expected here the first day and roughly 2,000 each day thereafter. There are facilities for 25,000, but preparations were being made for no more than 20,000.

A number of businessmen and civic groups from neighboring Fort Smith have volunteered assistance.

But some local residents have expressed reservations about the presence of a large number of homeless and jobless foreigners in an area where the unemployment rate is nearing 10 per cent.

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"I don't like it at all," James Rogers, a Vietnam veteran, told a reporter. "Somebody's going to have to take care of them. I have no idea where they'll learn a trade and there's no telling what kind of diseases they'll bring.
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"I don't like the people personally. I didn't see anything worth saving [during the war] and I don't now."

ELGIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla., April 30 (UPI)—Civilian and military engineers hastily resumed construction of living units today at an abandoned pine woods airfield to prepare for the arrival Friday or Saturday of 1,500 Vietnamese refugees.

A spokesman at the base said last night that word had been received from the State Department that refugees would definitely begin arriving this weekend, and ordered construction of housing facilities to resume. He said supplies would be flown in from all over the United States.