Phnom Penh Convoy

Refugees Reach Thailand

Aranyaprathet, Thailand

More than 600 foreign refugees from the French embassy in Phnom Penh reached the Thailand border today. Most appeared to be in good health.

The refugees, all of those who had been confined to the embassy since shortly after the fall of Phnom Penh to the Khmer fu)uge on April 17, reached the frontier on a convoy of buses.

The refugees were loaded aboard air conditioned buses for the four-hour trip to Bangkok.

There was no advance word of their arrival until about 20 Khmer Rouge officials and troops came to the border crossing point here. They were accompanied by three foreigners, a United Nations official who had been in Phnom Penh at the time of its capture and two French embassy officials.

They spoke briefly with military attache Lieutenant Colonel Jean Roubert of the French embassy in Bangkok, who turned and waved his arms to the waiting crowd of relatives, officials and newsmen.

The group was believed to include some 500 Frenchmen and about 110 others of various nationalities, including American.

Roubert said the refugees would give no interviews to the throng of newsmen which has been waiting for three days at the border for the evacuee convy. % border for the evacuee convoy.

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