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Vietnamese Resettlement Plan Scored

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson has called for the suspension of the resettlement program for Vietnamese refugees in the United States until the country develops a domestic relief program for its own poor and unemployed citizens.

"You can't ask the unemployed people here to be generous with the jobs they don't have," said Jackson, president of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) during an interview yesterday.

Jackson said his organization would organize mass protest marches and demonstrations against the resettlement of the refugees if no domestic plan is implemented for Americans. He said he is not against aid to Vietnam but opposes a plan that would resettle Vietnamese "in our depressed economy" without increasing aid to poor Americans.

More than 110,000 refugees evacuated from South Vietnam are aboard ships, in refugee camps or housed at U.S. military bases awaiting resettlement in this country. Thousands of other self-evacuated Vietnamese could push the total to as many as 150,000 persons.