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Cambodians Being Flown to U.S.

Utapao, Thailand

The United States yesterday began flying to Camp Pendleton the Cambodian refugees who had sought shelter in Thailand.

The operation started at this big U.S.-Thai air base, the home of a B-52 armada, where the Cambodians have been quartered since they fled their native land a month ago.

One Cambodian refugee to board a U.S. charter flight was former President Sau-

kam Khoy, who took over when President Lon Nol stepped down, shortly before the government's defense of Phnom Penh collapsed.

"I am going to a free country," Khoy said before leaving. "My country is no longer free."

Khoy, like the other approximately 1400 Cambodians here, said he had no plans for the future and does not know what he will do in the United States.

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