NYTimes. Cambodians Say Return Of Evacuees Is Planned

BANGKOK, Thailand, May 8 (Agence France-Presse) — The communist-led forces that took over Cambodia on April 17 apparently had a long prepared plan to move millions of inhabitants into zones where they would be instilled with the spirit of service to the revolution.

Millions of people have been forcibly evacuated from at least the main centers through which the first convoy of refugees from the French Embassy in Phnom Penh passed — Kompong Chhnang, Pursat and Battambang, plus the capital—with only the bare minimum necessary for survival. Sewing machines, electric fans, folding beds and cars have been discarded by the wayside.

Journalists in the evacuation convoy who asked were told that the evacuees would return to their homes later in what was termed a clean condition. It was said that they would have no useless belongings and would start their lives from scartch, free of the artificial needs of a western world that was never theirs.