

Ky Talks of His Plan for Kibbutz

Camp Pendleton

Former South Vietnamese Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky said yesterday he wants to establish an Israeli-style farming kibbutz, perhaps in Arkansas or Texas, for thousands of Vietnamese refugees.

Those who fled Vietnam, Ky said, will be happier as farmers than as city dwellers.

Ky, who is now living with other refugees in a tent city at this California military base, said he has received hundreds of offers of farmland in recent days.

He said the offers included plots "big and small, 500 acres, 1000 acres." What he would like, the veteran Vietnamese air force general said, is to resettle a few thousand refugee families in some warm part of the United States to "cultivate corn and potatoes" in a self-sufficient kibbutz-style rural community.

Ky was interviewed on ABC's "Issues and Answers."

"I think I am going to take with me volunteers, and we are going to try to organize a sort of a community or kibbutz. . . of course without arms for our self-defense," Ky said. "That is the way I see the future."

Asked where the farm community might be located, Ky replied: "I frankly don't have any idea. I am going to ask some American officials because, as you know, in the field of agriculture, you are now the best, No. 1 in the world, I am just thinking about Arkansas or Texas."

Ky noted the economic

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problems faced by the United States and said Vietnamese refugees have neither the intention nor the capability to take jobs away from Americans.

That, he said is what led to his thoughts about a farm kibbutz.

"I don't want my people living in big cities because I don't think they adjust," Ky said. "Big city lives and jobs are very difficult."

He envisioned the kibbutz dwellers as living "a quiet life . . . earning our living, you know, with our hands."

Ky said he only has \$10 personally. But he said his wife, now living in Washington, has \$20,000 to \$30,000.

On other issues Ky said:

- The fall of Vietnam and Cambodia shows the "domino theory" at work, and Laos, Thailand, Burma "and other countries near Vietnam" will fall into Communist hands.

- South Korea will not be subject to immediate Communist attack, but the United States should build up the Korean army with aid "to prevent aggression."

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