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Expansion of MAY 14 1975 The Florida Refugee Camp

Eglin AFB, Fla.

Officials announced yesterday that the Vietnamese refugee center at this northwest Florida military reservation will be doubled to hold 5000 persons.

The first of the new arrivals will be flown in next Sunday and all of the additional 2500, should be settled here by May 24, officials said.

The decision to increase the local refugee population came from the State Department in Washington, officials said.

Eglin originally was to have received 20,000 refugees, but officials later said refugees would be too uncomfortable living in tents in the hot climate.

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