

# Some Refugees Stray on Guam

## Agana, Guam

Some Vietnamese refugees are leaving a tent camp here and a U.S. admiral says he's worried about it.

A handful of refugees have left a dusty, cramped tent city to seek shelter in the homes of private Guam citizens, said Rear Admiral G. Steve Morrison, commander of Naval Forces, Marianas.

"It is very important that those people be returned, not only for administrative purposes, but it will prejudice their further screening when finally they are brought in," Morrison said at a news briefing yesterday.

"If somebody is determined to smuggle a refugee it is not that hard to do," he said. "We are absolutely unable to detain those people without making it a concentration camp, which we have no intention of doing."

Morrison could not estimate how many Vietnamese had left the camp for private residences in Guam. He indicated that crowded conditions at the camps and primitive facilities, such as outdoor toilets, may have motivated some of the Vietnamese to flee to more comfortable quarters.

Those refugees who have gotten out cannot hope to become U.S. citizens until they get back into the processing stream, said Edward F. O'Connor, who heads the Immigration and Naturalization Service group here.

The refugees living in local homes face possible fines or jail terms, O'Connor said, but the persons harboring them do not.

About 100 refugees have applied for residence on Guam, and they are being processed, he added.

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