

# Arizona Governor Cool on Refugees

Phoenix, Ariz.

Arizona's governor has expressed reservations about the offer of John Wayne, the actor, to help Vietnamese refugees obtain 17,000 acres of land in the state.

Speaking Saturday from Mexico City, where he was attending the annual meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico, Governor Raul Castro cited the state's high unemployment and said, "We're not prepared to handle a large number of Vietnamese refugees."

Former South Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky recently said that Wayne had extended the land proposal. Ky said he planned to accept and wanted to establish an Israeli-style farming kibbutz for several thousand refugees.

A report in the Arizona Republic quoted Wayne as having said that the land would not be a gift but that he had "acquainted" Ky with a situation in Arizona where he might be able to acquire a bit of land for his people.

Castro, a Democrat, said that chaos would be caused by "having all these refugees coming into Arizona at once."

"I recognize that we are a country that always welcomed immigrants," said the governor, who was born in Mexico. "But I think we ought to put a limit on them."

"Maybe other states that are in better shape employment-wise should receive the refugees," he said.

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