

Viet Refugees' Beer Restricted

Ft. Chaffee, Ark.

Beer sales to Vietnamese refugees in the post exchange and snack bars were curtailed yesterday by federal officials weary of the rowdiness of groups of young bachelors called "Saigon cowboys."

"They're harassing and hell-raising, drinking, partying, bringing girls into the barracks," raise Don Stader, a State Department official "Other vietnamese in the barracks with their families don't want chippies one wall next to them."

Donald MacDonald, senior civil coordinator, ordered beer sales ended in the post exchange and said draft beer could be sold by the glass for only three hours a night in three snack bars at Ft. Chaffee, the only refugee camp where beer has been sold.

MacDonald and Major Gerald Bullock, the provost Marshal, confirmed last week that they had received complaints from other Vietnamese and American officials about the drinking and partying of the bachelors. Some officials blamed the "Cowboys" for a slight increase since mid-July in incidents of assaults and petty crime.

The groups of bachelors are called "Saigon Cowboys" after the Honda-riding petty criminals who roamed the streets of Saigon. Bullock said no crime had been directly traced to the "Cowboys", but conceded the "groups of young guys that go around and get a little bit drunked up" had drawn the ire of other Vietnamese.

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