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Refugees

Homeless as Winter Nears

Camp Pendleton

Thousands of Indochinese refugees will not find a private home for the winter because of uninterest among Americans in taking them in.

Nick Thorne, head of the government force at this Southern California marine base who is responsible for the relocation of the refugees, said his administration has only ten weeks to process the 16,000 refugees still in camp and at least half of an estimated 5000 now waiting in the Pacific.

The relocation camp will then close, and the refugees will be sent to Ft. Chaffee, Ark.

The overflow could put more strain on the mass of refugees in the United States already threatened by lack of sponsors to help them become integrated into society.

Individual sponsors are still encouraged but they would not help as much as group sponsorship, he said.

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