

Viet Refugees Are Ready to Return

Agana, Guam

Weather permitting, the Vietnamese merchant ship Thong Tin I will sail tomorrow with more than 1600 refugees hoping for repatriation in their homeland.

Tran Ngoc Thach, chairman of a committee of 34 who represent the Vietnamese repatriates interned here, said at a news conference yesterday they believe in the "open policy" of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, and have no alternative plan to carry out should the ship be turned away.

"So far there are almost 1600 repatriates who have decided to go back on the ship," Tran said. Refugee aid officials expect about 50 more to arrive from the continental United States before the ship sails.

"When we go back we have to obey the orders of our government . . . of the PRG," Tran said. "We think that when we go back we must attend the re-education program because we were all the employees of the former regime."

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