Refugees Have Enough Sponsors

Camp Pendleton

For the first time since Indochina refugees began pouring in last April, officials say no more sponsors are needed for the relatively few who remain here.

All but 325 of the 2673 still living in what is left of "Little Saigon" have been matched with sponsors, said Nick Thorne, head of the civilian Interagency Task Force. And more than enough sponsors are available for those who still need them, he added Tuesday.

Of the 325 still without sponsors, 125 are Cambodians seeking repatriation to their homeland. When the relocation center here closes nine days from now they will all be flown to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., Thorne said.

The Cambodian would-be repatriates are awaiting word from the new Communist government on whether they can return to their homeland.

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