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This is Lionel Martin in Havana. for Sunday use. here is the service message: The Cuban government announced that it will allow all Cubans to leave the country that want to. Meanwhile, thousands of Cubans remain in the grounds of the Peruvian embassy here.

Here is the story

The Cubans, many of them young, entered the Peruvian embassy compound here since Friday morning. ~~when~~ That's when the Cuban government announced ~~that~~ it was taking its armed guards away from the Peruvian embassy.

Why did they take the armed guard away. Because they said, Peru was encouraging ~~all foreigners~~ Cubans to break through ~~Cuban police barriers~~ ^{guard} posts stationed in front of the embassies by ~~giving asylum to them~~. In an incident last Tuesday, one Cuban guard was killed in such an incident.

When the police guard was withdrawn, Cubans flocked ~~into~~ into the embassy garden. ~~The Cubans~~ Friday evening there were over 300 Cubans, Saturday morning over 500? ~~and~~ SATURDAY AFTERNOON OVER ~~the~~ 1500 and Saturday night several thousand.

It was Saturday afternoon however, that the Cuban government announced that those in the Peruvian embassy had not entered ~~for~~ by force and could therefore leave Cuba if they chose. The rub is that they have to be accepted by the nation to which they want to go.

The question is now, with Cuban permission given for emigrating, will PERU AND OTHER NATIONS OPEN THE DOOR TO THE THOUSANDS OF CUBANS WHO WANT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY/

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