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If yesterday was bad at the Peruvian embassy here, today ~~was~~ was still worse for the thousands who refuse to leave the diplomatic immunity of the foreign compound inspite of ^{the} Cuban governments offer of safe conduct passes.

The sun burned down during the morning hours on the seven thousand cubans crowded into the garden. ^{SOME OF THEM SINCE LAST FRIDAY} Then in the afternoon it rained, but there was no shelter for those outside because there is no room to move around in. Some lucky ^{FEW} ~~few~~ who have staked out their claim to the ground under two green mango trees are ~~more~~ ^{ed} more protect than others from the sun and the rain.

Inside the ~~mexican~~ embassy building is Dantes inferno. That's where many of the women with small children are and where the sick are treated by two doctors who also sought asylum. The air is dank and ~~faint~~ smell is fetid. Both men and women ~~are~~ are psychologically spaced out -- ^{They} want to know from a foreign correspondent when and if the Peruvian government is going to let them in or if ~~the~~ its true that president carter has invited them all to go to the United States. ^{That's the kind of rumors there are.}

The entire area of the embassy is cordoned off by Cuban police. ~~The government supplies water and food to the refugees~~
The government supplies water ~~and~~ and food to the refugees ^{through the fence} inside and there is a hospital set up just across the street ~~with hygienic conditions.~~ with hygienic conditions.

The refugees are allow^{ed} to walk out of the compound, go to the hospital and then return if they want to. Or they can sign up for a safe conduct pass^{es} just outside the fence and go home and come back or stay home until Peru decides to let them in. ~~The~~ Fidel Castro has said that cubans who want to leave the country can do so.