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Conditions are ~~growing~~ going from bad to worse at the Peruvian embassy.

Imagine about 8 to 10,000 people (some estimate less) squeezed into a place the size of your local supermarket.

They have no changes of clothes, there is little water, there are only two bathrooms and no toilet paper or even newspaper.

The tropical sun shines down on the majority ^{on} ~~in~~ the big embassy lawn all day.

Inside the embassy building, where the women with their small children are housed, there is a ~~small~~ strong smell of urine and feces.

In fact, the whole place can be smelled from a distance when the wind is right.

The two physicians inside, also refugees, work under infra-human conditions ^{and} ~~but~~ ~~fear~~ fear the outbreak of epidemics and death. An old woman has died -- and a baby has been born there.

The Cuban government, which has ~~never~~ thrown up a security cordon around the area, has, in fact, helped to ~~alleviate~~ alleviate the situation somewhat.

It is the Cuban government that provides the only food -- in cardboard boxes. The Cuban authorities also put down a water pipe with two dozen faucets along the perimeter of the fence. They have also ~~not~~ built a row of outhouse style toilets right outside the fence and have installed a hospital in an abandoned house across the street from the embassy.

The Cuban government has ~~offered~~ told the refugees that it recognizes their right to leave the country as soon as Peru or any other nations claims them.

Meanwhile the Cubans say, the refugees can have ~~good~~ safe conduct passes - to visit their homes and return or to stay in their homes until they are claimed by some foreign nations.

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Many ~~of~~ the refugees have accepted the Cuban offer to go home. But most, defiantly stay at the embassy hoping to draw more world attention to themselves.

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Meanwhile a revolutionary backlash has reached big proportions here in Havana. All ^{Rough} ~~there~~ the city secondary school students, workers and members of the neighborhood committees for the defense of the revolution march through the streets -- holding signs condemning the refugees as anti social elements and ~~shouting~~ chanting things like -- "The parasites to Peru..."

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for Sunday Morning.

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