

This is Lionel Martin in Havana..Tuesday morning.
This is day number 12 for many of the refugees at the
Peruvian embassy here. ~~1990~~ Here is the story:

4500 of the refugees have taken advantage of a
Cuban government offer to ~~accept~~ be ^{KSUEO} ~~given~~ passports
and then go home and wait until some nation gives
them an entry visa.

But 6000 refugees refuse to leave the embassy
compound. There were torrential rains here, and this
made the horrible conditions of the refugees in the
garden of the Peruvian embassy even worse.

Meanwhile, Peru is preparing to airlift the
first five hundred of some 1000 refugees that they
will take in.

The Peruvians want to include some of the people
still in the embassy in their first evacuation. But
the Cuban government says that those who have accepted
passports and have left the embassy will have priority
in leaving the country.

The refugees are still awaiting definite word from
the United States on how many of them it will take in.
In a survey taken in the embassy, ~~10,000~~ ~~10,000~~ ~~10,000~~
70% of them said they want to go to the united states.

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