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This is Lionel Martin in Havana, for Monday morning use.

the service message. This item should be held until you receive wire copy that the refugees mentioned have already left for Peru. or have arrived there. Our last news was that the refugees mentioned were going to arrive i peru about 4 am toronto time.

here is the story.

A ~~plane~~ plane load of Cuban refugees that sought asylum in the Peruvian embassy eight weeks ago left for Peru. These refugees are the ones . some 442 of them - who refused to accept safe conduct out of the embassy like some 10,000 of their fellow refugees did. Most of the 10,000 that did accept safe conduct are now in Florida but ~~there~~ those who refused to leave the embassy had to wait until a special arrangment was made between the cuban and peruvian governments ...and they went to peru and not to the united states as many of them would have liked to do.

For eight weeks now, the Peruvian embassy has been cordoned off at a distance of about 4 blocks. This forced drives and pedestrians alike to take a detour around the embassy. which is on a maii thoroughfare. But now, with the recalcitrant 442 leaving the embassy for Peru, traffic will be flowing down Havanas fifth aveneue once again.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

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