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## **On Central American Refugees Residing In Honduras**

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June 4: Retired colonel Abraham Garcia, coordinator of the Honduran Commission for Refugees, told reporters that beginning June 5, Nicaraguan and Honduran officials were scheduled to begin discussions on the repatriation of some 10,200 Nicaraguans residing in Honduras, including displaced persons, illegal immigrants, and contra family members. Representatives of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) would participate, he said, in the meeting to take place in Managua. Garcia said that in the western department of Ocotepeque, some 2,500 Salvadoran refugees remain in the Mesa Grande camp. In the past two years, an estimated 17,500 Salvadorans have been returned to their home country. In addition, said Garcia, about 540 Guatemalans reside in the El Tesoro refugee camp located in Copan department. June 6: In Managua, a communique released by the Nicaraguan government said an agreement had been signed with Tegucigalpa establishing arrangements for the repatriation of 40,000 Nicaraguans residing in Honduras. Most of the Nicaraguans are located in El Paraiso, Choluteca and La Mosquitia departments. (Basic data from AFP, 06/04/90, 06/06/90)

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