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Press reports Interior Undersecretary Luang Chart Trakankoson said June 30 that Thai delegation negotiating with DRV Red Cross representatives in Rangoon on repatriation Vietnamese refugees has been instructed return Bangkok if it feels talks will not actually lead to evacuation Vietnamese from Thailand. Delegation must, however, first inform Bangkok before returning.

Luang Chart said DRV delegation continuing obstruct on procedural questions, such as status ICRC representative in talks, and refuses discuss substantive matters.

Earlier, (June 26) Interior Minister Praphat told press there had been "no progress at all" and that "can now be clearly seen Viet Minh want delay talks for political reasons." Said if talks fruitless Vietnamese in custody on charges Commie activity will be brought to trial, and that Interior Ministry has plans take

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"suitable steps" for dealing with (remainder of) refugees. Declined identify steps, but said they "based on humanitarian grounds and international law".

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