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45 S. Vietnamese Orphans Arrive on Two Flights

Forty-five South Vietnamese orphans arrived in Denver late Sunday night on two commercial airline flights according to the Denver based adoption agency Friends of Children of Vietnam. The orphans are being given medical treatment for the South Vietnamese children. She said the court action is a preventive measure to protect doctors and the agency.

New Nursing Center Used by Viet Orphans

Continental Care Center, a \$1 million nursing home with facilities for World War II refugees.

ILSE EWALD NURSES ESPERANZA THROUGH THE NIGHT

The South Vietnamese baby survived and was adopted by a Denver-area family.

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY
THEODORE ISAAC
RUBIN, M.D.

The decision to adopt a child should never be made lightly. Here, a specialist who has experience in adoption, is giving sound advice about what is best for the child and for themselves.

The recent outpouring of requests for orphaned Vietnamese children led to a heated political and sociological debate. There was talk of "national guilt," and accusations of White House propagand-

parents with a new baby, of course.)

- You may need to ration your time carefully, especially at the beginning, so that no one feels left out (including the husband). The mother of a newly-adopt-

their marriage and believe a baby will bring them closer.

- Women who really desire fulfillment outside the family but retreat to motherhood simply because it seems familiar

of thumb in adoption—and it applies to foreign, native-born, healthy or sick children—is: *What is good for the child?*

Keeping this in mind, there are some situations of which we ought to be particularly aware. Minimal illusion minimizes future difficulties. It is important to realize that:

- The older the child, the longer the initial period of adjustment for the family and the child will last.

- The various members of the family may compete with the new child for your attention or for her/his exclusive attention. The possibilities for competitive behavior within a family are endless, and include competition between husband and wife. (This is also true for biological

- Your child should learn that she is adopted from you and not from a "well-meaning" outsider. Do not delay telling her. Also, she will eventually want to know about her biological parents. It is good to be prepared with a simple statement of the facts, followed by a warm expression of your desire for her in particular to be your very own.

I've briefly touched upon what is good for the child. Now, what about the parents? Why do people have children, adoptive or biological? There are both neurotic and healthy motivations behind the desire to raise a child. In the following common situations, there may be unhealthy motivations:

- Couples who are dissatisfied with

alike.

End

As a regular feature, Dr. Rubin answers questions on your personal, marriage, family and emotional problems. The doctor is a well-known psychoanalyst who practices in New York. He is also the author of "Compassion and Self-Hate" (David McKay). If you have questions for Dr. Rubin to answer in his column, please address them to him in care of Ladies' Home Journal, 641 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. We regret that only letters selected for use in the column can be answered.

VIET BABY AIRLIFT

Volunteers Tired, but Happy

**92 Flown In
As 'Babylift'
Nears Finish**

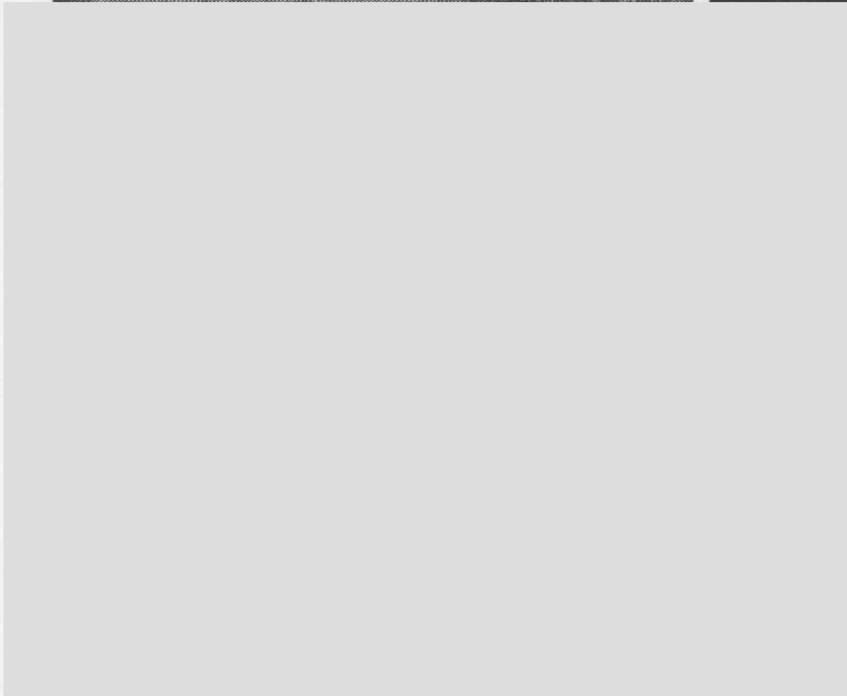
An airliner carrying 92 Vietnamese war orphans—the largest number ever to arrive at one time—landed at Stapleton In



nurses. The number to call to volunteer is 825-1712.

A 5-YEAR-OLD VIETNAMESE ORPHAN RESTS HER HEAD ON CHEST OF A UNITED AIRLINE EMPLOYEE
Child was one of 92 orphans who landed at Denver's Stapleton International Airport on flight from Los Angeles.

Thanh-Long Watches



THANH-LONG STARES OUT BUS WINDOW
He looks over California on trip to the Presidio.

ORPHANS SLEEP IN BOXES INSIDE PLANE
Infants flew from Saigon three to a box.

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CHIANG DIES AT 87

Compiled From AP and UPI

TAIPEI — President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China, the last of the original Big Four allied leaders of World War II, died of a heart attack Saturday night.

The 87-year-old general called in his last will released two hours after his death for his followers to recapture the mainland from the Communists — a goal he could not achieve in his lifetime.

Doctors said Chiang suffered a heart attack at 10:20 p.m. and died at 11:50 p.m.

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Chiang, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin were the Big Four leaders of the allies in the war against the axis powers of Germany, Italy and Japan.

Officials said Chiang's American-educated wife and his 65-year-old son, Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, were at the president's bedside.

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NATIONALIST CHINA'S PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK

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Allied 'Babylift' in Full Swing

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Henry Sees Hope for Vietnam; Ford Readies Policy Speech

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said Saturday South Vietnam may yet thwart a Communist victory and President Ford will outline Thursday what the United States can do to help.

"There is a possibility for the South Vietnamese military forces to stabilize the situation," Kissinger said. "The next question is for what length of time and against what level of attack."

He said he "does not anticipate" American bombing to aid Saigon, but told reporters: "The United States has an obligation to the hundreds of thousands (of Vietnamese) who were closely associated with us."

Kissinger said Ford ordered the CIA, the armed forces and the State Department to prepare a list of options for U.S. action in the crisis, and said the President will announce his decision in a scheduled state-of-the-world foreign policy speech

Thursday to a joint session of Congress.

The secretary briefed reporters following an early-morning meeting with Ford and Army Chief of Staff Frederick C. Weyand, who returned late Friday from a presidential fact-finding mission to South Vietnam.

Kissinger said Ford must decide what chance Saigon has of retaining the one-quarter of the country still left in its control. He said Weyand gave Ford details of what Saigon

would need to make a successful stand, and added that the Weyand report may be made public later.

"One of the aspects of our examination is, of course, what the military situation is and what degree of American help can be significant," Kissinger said.

He said the President will make no decisions on the issue while vacationing in Palm Springs. Ford plans a return to Washington Monday night after

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Orphans Reach Yokota—Base Responds

By HAL DRAKE
S&S Staff Writer

TOKYO — "I wished I had a hundred arms," said the 29-year-old Air Force sergeant after walking through a huge jetliner that had become a flying nursery. "I wanted to hold them all."

S. Sgt. Gerald Richards board-

ed the Pan American 747 carrying 327 Vietnamese orphans to San Francisco, as the plane stopped over here early Sunday, because he came to Yokota AB and volunteered his services. He speaks Vietnamese and talked to frightened, bewildered children as he helped Air Force doctors who moved through the aircraft.

Richards, who is married to a Vietnamese and fluent in the difficult southern dialect, told how a 13-year-old blind girl named Thanh grasped at him and asked, "Where am I?"

He told her Japan and she was doubtful and afraid.

"You're going to America," Richards said. "Don't be af-

raid."

He told her he was American, but in her sightless world, she could believe only what she heard and replied he was Vietnamese. He spoke English to show her and she was somehow reassured — that America was an ocean away, and she could

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SAIGON — Airliners stocked with diapers, milk and hot dogs Saturday flew Vietnamese orphans in record numbers from the war zone to the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia. Below them lay the smoldering wreckage of Friday's tragic start to Operation Babylift.

Other jets ferried Americans, Canadians, French, West Germans, Belgians, Danes, Dutchmen and Swiss citizens from this increasingly frightened capital.

The United States' Operation Babylift carried almost 900 orphans Saturday, some of them survivors of the crash of a U.S. Air Force C5A Galaxy transport on Friday's inaugural flight. Of the 319 persons aboard, including 243 orphans, nearly 200 were killed.

A Pan American World Airways 747 jet, chartered by the Holt Children's Agency of Eugene, Ore., left with 409 orphans—the biggest mercy flight yet of youngsters

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out of Vietnam. It was scheduled to arrive in Seattle at 11:10 p.m. EDT.

On board were a doctor, eight nurses, diapers, 1,000 bottles of milk and a plentiful supply of hotdogs.

"None of these children will lack a home," said Wink Guthrie of the Holt Agency.

When the plane made a two-hour stopover at Guam, however, two of the infants, both two months old, were taken to Guam Memorial Hospital. Medical authorities declined to disclose the nature of their illness.

Half the children were bound for adoptive parents in the Chicago and New York areas, and the rest will be housed in Seattle until they are picked up or delivered to new parents on the West Coast.

A few hours later, another Pan Am 747 left with 321 orphans aboard, including some survivors from Friday's crash. The flight, chartered by a Connecticut businessman, was headed for San Francisco, where President Ford

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Orphan's name is new — not the smile

By BETTY PEACH

Le Thành Nam, 5, a Vietnamese orphan crippled by polio, embarked on a new life with a new name in San Diego yesterday.

He became Stefan Bean, fourth child and third son in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bean of 7808 Forrestal Rd.

Bean is a sixth-grade teacher at Hearst Elementary School. He and his wife, Judith, also care for foster children, currently toddler-age twins.

The Beans with their older children, Lauren, 9, Darrin, 7 and Martin, 6, flew to Seattle Saturday to meet the special airlift Pan-American 747 carrying Stefan and 408

other Vietnamese orphans from Saigon.

The plane, which arrived just before midnight, was late, and then there was a long delay in immigration because of confusion over identification.

"We finally got him at 6:30 Sunday morning," Mrs. Bean said.

"He was seated in a chair, because somehow in the shuffle, his braces were lost and he cannot walk without them. But we recognized him because he smiled. We had been told he was a smiling child."

The 409 children, many of them infants, were accompanied by volunteer adult escorts. They were 23 hours en route from Saigon to Seat-

tle, and then detained almost seven hours in immigration.

Mrs. Bean called the scene at Seattle airport a madhouse. Hundreds of parents waited to receive the children. Police and press were all over the place.

Once cleared, the Beans gathered up their new child with the older three and boarded a plane for San Diego.

Their newest son, who spent three years in a Saigon orphanage, speaks no English. Mrs. Bean thinks he understands a little, although he spoke only a few words of Vietnamese as they flew south.

He did, however, communicate. He shook his head in refusing some

foods, smiled in accepting others on the flight.

Tomorrow Mrs. Bean takes Stefan to see a pediatrician. Today he is getting accustomed to his new surroundings. Already he is smiling again, and laughing at television. Commercial delight him most of all, his mother said.

"We are very hopeful he will walk. The records indicate that he contracted polio when he was about 2 years old. Both parents died shortly afterward," Mrs. Bean said.

"His X-rays did not arrive with him, but the prognosis from doctors in Saigon say that with proper treatment and therapy, they believe he

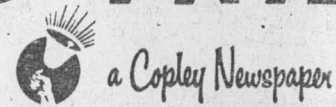
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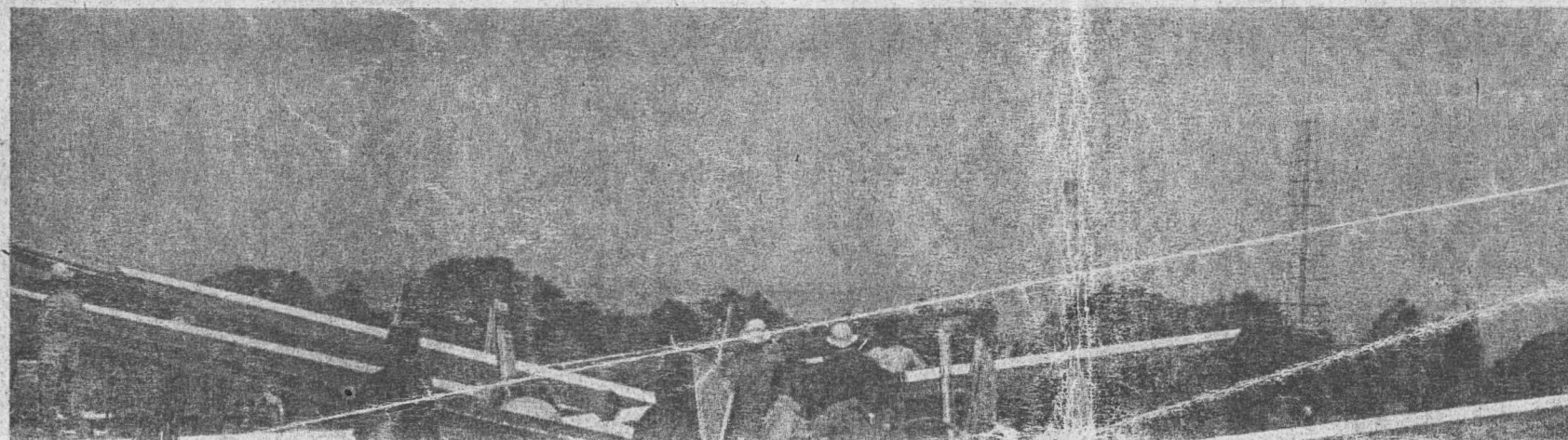
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'Babylift' — All systems go



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RAIN TABLE

Measured at Lindbergh Field

Storm	0.49
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Normal to date	8.71
Excess	0.40
This date last year	6.56
Normal entire season	9.45

Season — July 1 - June 30

Hail was reported in Normal Heights, North Park, Mission Village, San Carlos and Jamul yesterday.

Lightning struck an electrical meter box yesterday at the Crocker Bank in Pacific Beach, 1302 Garnet St., starting a fire which caused \$2,000 in damage. The fire caused some structural damage to the bank, the San Diego Fire Department reported.

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Ford envisions peace despite grim forecasts

PALM SPRINGS (AP) — President Ford, rejecting forecasts of "depression at home and disintegration abroad" said today he sees cooperative growth and development throughout the world.

"My vision is one of peace," Ford said in the text of an address to the National Assn. of Broadcasters' meeting in Las Vegas. The text was made public before the President wound up a nine-day Easter holiday in Palm Springs and headed East.

While acknowledging "it is true that we have suffered setbacks at home and abroad," Ford said:

"America will not give in to self-doubt nor paralysis of will power. Americans will not dismantle the defense of the United States. And we certainly will not adopt such a naive vision of the world that we dismantle our essential intelligence-gathering agencies. I can assure you that other superpowers are increasing — not decreasing — their military and intelligence capacities."

Ford made no direct reference to current inquiries into activities of the Central Intelligence Agency but, by indirection, he has increasingly defended the CIA and other intelligence units in recent public speeches.

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The halt in the babylift, in which about 1,400 babies have gone to the United States and about 300 to Australia, Canada and Britain, was disclosed by American refugee workers and Australian Prime Minister E. Gough Whitlam.

Whitlam said the Australian embassy here was told by Dan that the quota of orphans for emergency evacuation from South Vietnam had been filled.

"There was no present intention to agree to additional blanket waivers for bulk emergency evacuations," he said. "The Australian ambassador in Saigon has been given to understand that the government wishes to review its practices following the initial emergency evacuations and is reverting to the normal adoption procedures."

Following an initial flight of 212 orphans to Australia, he said, a second Qantas jetliner sent to Saigon to pick up more orphans had been canceled.

Don Scott, Vietnam director of the U.S. relief organization World Vision, said the "evacuation of orphans is over."

Hours later, Dan announced the airlift would go on, without admitting that it had been halted, and pledged to cut through bureaucratic procedures. He said that several more countries were seeking to join the orphan airlift and offering to find homes for the war children.

"We will need now a minimum of organization and investigation before we can agree to let more children out of the country," Dan told a news conference.

He said there are about 18,000 children who had lost one or both parents, or their families were too poor to look after them.

"We want to avoid tragedy," he said.

"Each adopted child must receive approval by his parents. We don't want any claim later in case the child has not been adopted and cared for.

"I think the arrival of the orphans in other nations showed the cruel war in South Vietnam and made them realize the tragedy which has been going on here."

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Guns boomed every half hour today in tribute to the longtime leader, who died of a heart attack Saturday at age 87. Flags flew at half staff.

Friends from Chiang's revolutionary past surrounded the body in the Veterans Hospital where he died. Thousands of other, including U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger, went to his suburban residence to pay their respects.

Mourning was ordered for Taiwan's 15 million people.

Several governments sent condolences. But most remained silent to preserve good relations with Peking.

President Ford called Chiang a man of "firm integrity, high courage and deep political conviction."

Former president Richard Nixon said he was "one of the giants of the history of our times ... a great wartime ally of the United States and a courageous leader."

Hsinhua, Peking's official news agency, called Chiang "the common enemy of the Chinese people" whose "hands were stained with the blood of the revolutionary people of China."

Red shells hit key cities in Mekong Delta

SAIGON (AP) — Communist-led forces shelled at least 10 district capitals in the rice-rich Mekong Delta today and also hit the area near South Vietnam's largest fuel depot six miles southeast of here.

The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong engaged government troops in five provinces of the delta, and launched rocket and mortar attacks that wounded about 50 civilians, field reports said.

Sources said 95 Communist-led troops and 14 government soldiers were killed in the fighting. Most of the shelling in the delta, where one-third of South Vietnam's 20-million people live — was centered in Dinh Tuong province about 35 miles south of Saigon.

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Ford Sad, Says Airlift Will Continue

BY RUDY ABRAMSON
Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—President Ford said Friday he was "deeply saddened" by the crash of the Air Force C-5A headed for the United States with

Yand, the Army chief of staff, was scheduled to arrive from South Vietnam and meet with Kissinger in preparation for two sessions with the President today.

White House spokesman said Mr.

with Mr. Ford's statements in San Diego Thursday.

The President had characterized the pullback as "a unilateral decision, poorly planned and unnecessary." He also said that it had created chaos

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ANGUISH—Women carry Vietnamese babies who survived crash of a C-5A plane to hospital in Saigon.

AP Wirephoto

PLANE CRASH

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the doors blew out.

One Defense Department source said, "We can't rule that out just as

made its crash landing, broke up and began burning.

"We're all so thankful to be out alive and that we got, so many kids out," the nurse added.

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blowing out, the door damaged the elevator and as a result there were problems in controlling the rate of descent of the aircraft. This became critical to the point of almost losing control as the aircraft made its turn

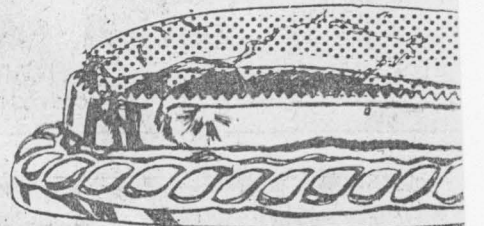
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Orphans Who Made It Delight New Parents

By The Associated Press
"She is everything we ever wanted."

That's how Adele Kolinsky of Spring Valley, N.Y., summed up her feelings Friday after meeting Nguyen Thi My Huong the three-year-old Vietnamese girl she had adopted.

The girl, whose new name will be Robyn Lan, arrived at New York's La Guardia Airport early Friday. She was one of more than 50 children who ar-



remainder went to other East Coast points.

One of the two who got off went home with Mrs. Thomas Pope of Calhoun, Ga. "We're going to go home and have some breakfast and see if this little girl will have a nap. We've waited a long time for this. We've been watching her grow for a long time through pictures in the mail.

Some Americans met their new sons and daughters Thursday night.

Could See Hole in Back of Plane: Sgt. Pan Am Evacuating 400 Tots

By PETER O'LOUGHLIN
SAIGON (AP)—The pages of a Donald Duck comic book flipped in the wind.

A baby's bottle, a flight manual, cushions, clothing, and molten pieces of metal were

The sudden whoosh of air out of the cabin of the plane, the largest in the world, was the first sign of the imminent tragedy.

Air Force Sgt. Jim Hadley, a Sacramento, Calif., medical technician, was in the

the back of the plane, you could see the sunlight streaming in.

"Things started flying around. Eyeglasses. Pens. Pieces of insulation tore off the ceiling. The pillows exploded. They were plastic lined.

ridor, "I think the kids were quiet because they were getting dozy from an absence of oxygen.

"I don't know how long we were in the air. We were losing altitude. But we had plenty of time. We had to discuss what

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pan Am

Hanoi: No Evacuation Needed

ROME (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said Friday he refrained from

ready to cooperate." He said Hanoi sept him a formal note whose contents he

for contributions toward relieving the sufferings of the war-

"The children were beautiful. They were noisy when we took off. They were scared, and they didn't like the straps holding them down.

"They were sitting two to a seat, six seats across, 12 to a row.

said a U.S. arrival time would be announced after the plane had left Saigon.

The charter was arranged by the Holt International Children's Services of Eugene, Ore. It will fly the children from

told newsmen. "But as far as the evacuation problem is concerned I came to the conclusion that such a public appeal would not help solve the problem if the authorities involved are not

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Ground C5s, Aspin, Proxmire Demand

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. William Proxmire and Rep. Les Aspin demanded Friday that the Air Force immediately ground all 77 of its giant C5 aircraft until the cause of an orphan airlift crash near Saigon is determined.

The Wisconsin Democrats, frequent critics of the \$56 million plane, said there are too many unresolved questions of

airworthiness. Proxmire called for a congressional investigation of the plane.

"While we do not know the cause of the accident and it is possible there was sabotage, the evidence is piling up that these planes are structurally unsound and unsafe to fly," Proxmire said.

Proxmire said he would ask Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., to

establish a special Senate Armed Services subcommittee "to investigate the entire C5 program, and to reject the Pentagon's current request for \$900 million to correct the deficiencies in the C5 pending the outcome of such inquiry."

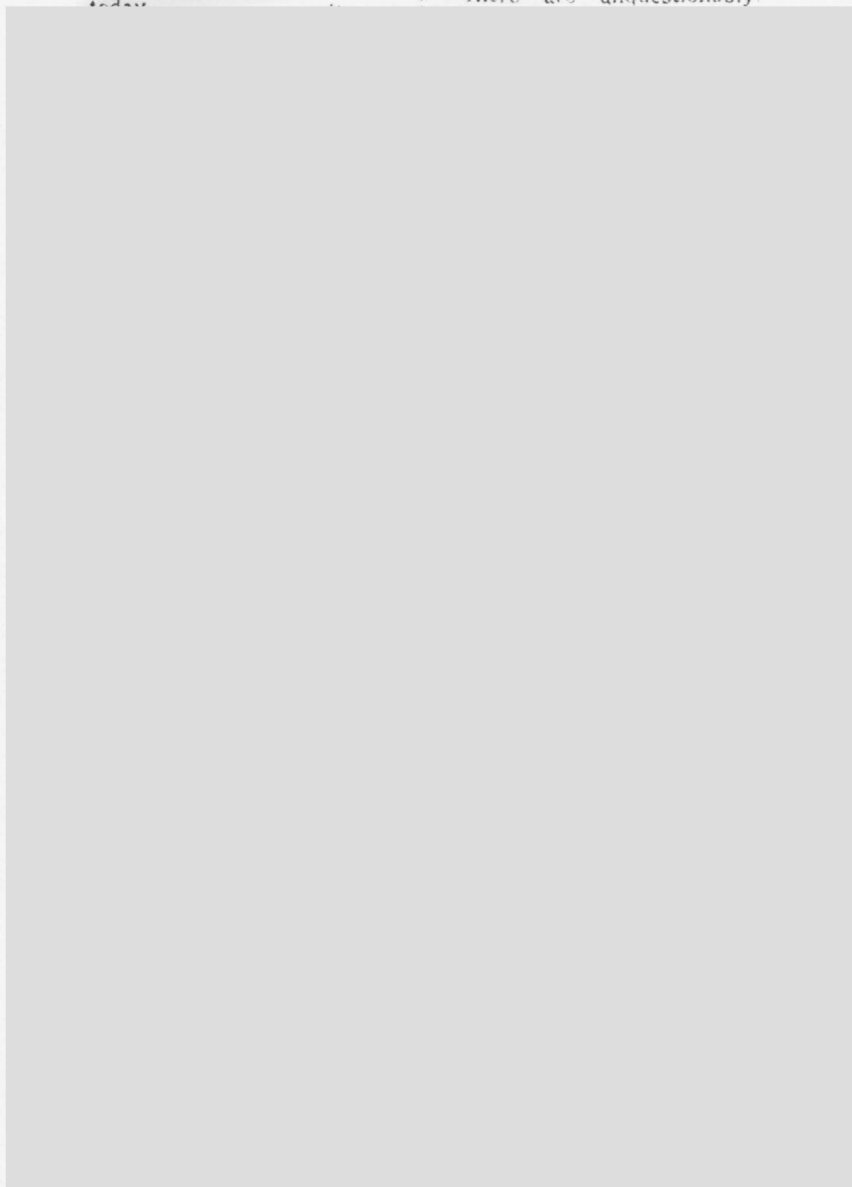
Aspin said "the C5 has never performed up to specifications."

(James) Schlesinger's posture statement for this year indicates that the planes have been developing wing fatigue much faster than expected," Aspin added. "Until we find out whether the wing explosion which caused the crash had anything to do with this problem, the plane should be grounded temporarily."

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Some Children of Saigon Elite
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SAN FRANCISCO, April 15 (UPI)—Some of the Vietnamese children airlifted to the United States are sons and daughters of political and military officials, an official of a United States adoption agency said today.

for the American Friends Service Committee, who opposes evacuation of the children, said that she had talked to the three children of a South Vietnamese colonel who flew here with their young cousin. "There are unquestionably



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GIVING THEM UP—Nguyen Thi Liem in Saigon with children she is turning over for adoption. The youngsters are Nguyen Thi Dan Ha, 9, Nguyen Van Hung or Tommy, 7, Nguyen Thi Diem or Suzy, 6.

AP Wirephoto

HOPES THEY WILL GO TO U.S.

Mother Sadly Signs Away 3 Children

SAIGON (AP)—"I don't want my babies to die," Nguyen Thi Liem said Thursday and burst into tears after

Victor Srinivasan, an Indian from Madras but a permanent resident of the United States, directs the two

Sponsors for Nguyen Thi Diem or Suzy, 6, are Mr. and Mrs. K. Stone, of Vancouver, Wash.

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Santa Rosan: VC would shoot orphans

TRAVIS AFB — Why can't the orphans stay in South Vietnam?

"Because when the Viet Cong come into a village the first thing they do is kill babies that are half-American."

Santa Rosa nurse Creagh Gemmell, just arrived from Saigon with a cargo of 64 war orphans, many of them infants, explained to television reporters the urgency in getting the children out of that country.

Was she certain of the treatment she said the Viet Cong would give mixed-blood children?

"Yep," she said.

Why?

"I don't know. I guess it's because they don't like Americans," she said.

Presidio of San Francisco that has been converted into a giant nursery.

A total of 280 children were at the Presidio. Forty were hospitalized, seriously ill with pneumonia, infection and dehydration.

Doctors said all are expected to recover.

Other orphan flights arrived over the weekend at San Francisco, Seattle, and Vancouver, B.C.

President Ford and his wife Saturday interrupted their Palm Springs vacation and flew to San Francisco to greet a plane with 319 children aboard, some of them survivors of last Friday's plane crash in Saigon.

Ford carried two infants from the plane.

Mrs. Ford: undergoing



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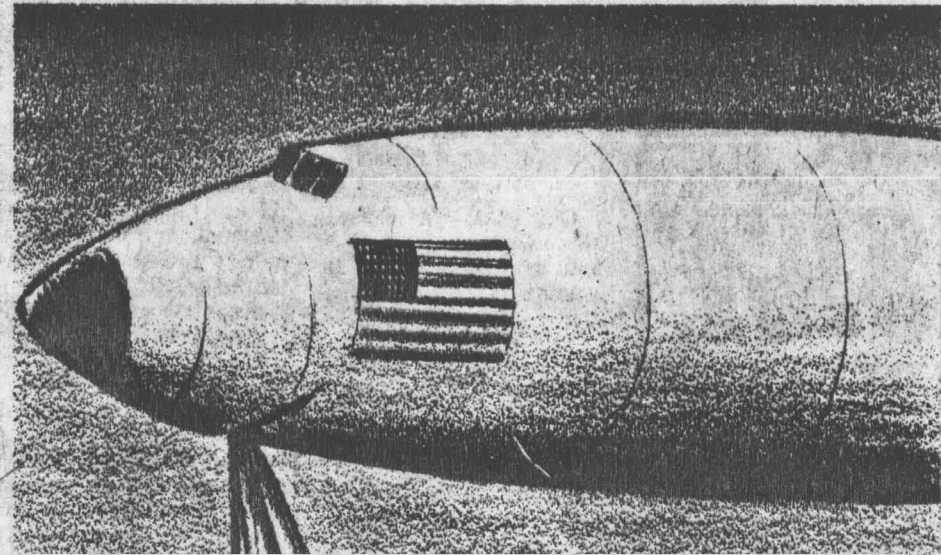
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SAVE VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

Americans must consider the rescue of Vietnamese children as a top priority. Saving these most innocent victims of a horrible war

for St. Louis. The boys, from the same orphanage in Da Nang, are being adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Buhr and Mr. and



because two of the boys who just arrived on the airlift to Oakland, Cal., are headed

wanting to take care of all the children who can be evacuated safely.

U.S. Envoy Said to Welcome Airlift Publicity

From News Dispatches

SAIGON, April 6—Opposition politicians made public Sunday a letter from a top South Vietnamese govern-

ment official, said Martin "has had as his overriding concern the welfare of the orphans." The spokesman said Dan and Martin met last week on the subject of the airlift and that Dan

then-Premier Tran Thien Khiem, requested prompt clearance for the evacuation of about 1,400 Vietnamese orphans, most of them to the United States. The spokesman

"directly" with Dan on behalf of the orphan airlift and his "stress" on the evacuation's effects on American attitudes.

Dan said the letter's com-

Monday, April 7, 1975 THE WASHINGTON POST

Now, lessee, Mr. Thieu—I'm sure we can salvage something here!

More war orphans flown to the U.S.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A World Airways 747 jet jammed with 329 Vietnamese and Cambodian war orphans, one dead and many ill, arrived at Los Angeles International Air-

Ford's Operation Babylift began.

One child, an orphan airlifted from Saigon earlier this week, died at Clark Thursday afternoon, and another fatality was

escorted them off the field.

Others well enough to travel and not aboard the Georgia flight were taken to the Long Beach Naval Support Station which had been turned into a



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ges, according to a Clark Airbase spokesman.

At Clark, one Lockheed employe, Robert E. Helmuth, of Marietta, Ga., described the atmosphere at the Saigon end of the airlift as "physically okay but rock-bottom morale."

"What Saigon most needs is a big boost in morale. It's rock bottom right now. If Congress were to decide on more aid, that would shoot morale right up. You know the situation



FIVE CARDBOARD boxes, each containing a critically ill Vietnamese in

UPI Facsimile

330 Orphans Arrive in L.A.

Group Includes First Children to Flee Cambodia

BY KATHY BURKE
and KAE COOPERMAN
Times Staff Writers

A World Airways jumbo jet carrying 330 Vietnamese and Cambodian orphans, including one infant who died en route from Clark Air Base in the Philippines, arrived at Los Angeles International Airport Saturday morning.

Thirty-nine children aboard the plane were taken to local hospitals with a variety of ailments, including dehydration, pneumonia, measles and

one case of chicken pox.

Their conditions ranged from fair to serious.

An autopsy performed on the dead child, a 3-month-old girl, revealed she died of pneumonia, dehydration and problems of prematurity. One person aboard the plane said the child weighed only about 3 pounds.

The orphans, accompanied on the plane by 154 adults, including eight doctors and 20 nurses, had been flown to Clark by about a dozen military transport flights during the last

week from Saigon and Phnom Penh, according to World Airways pilot Ken Healy.

An Air Force spokesman said the Cambodian children, reportedly numbering about 50, were the first orphans flown out of that country.

The red-and-white 747 was met by a team of doctors and nurses from the county's Medical Alert Center, which coordinated the local agencies meeting the nonstop mercy flight.

Eight Navy doctors assisted in determining which children needed immediate hospitalization.

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Hospitals receiving children included UCLA Medical Center, Daniel Freeman, Martin Luther King, County-USC

Mayor Tom Bradley and his wife, Ethel, and Supervisor James Hayes, whose district includes the airport, greeted the first children off the plane.

The sick orphans, most of them infants, were brought down the stairway in some of the 160 white cardboard boxes which served as bassinets aboard the plane.

Two of the babies were being fed intravenously.

Three children suffering from extreme dehydration were taken immediately by county Fire Department helicopter to County-USC Medical Center. Three more later were taken by helicopter to Childrens Hospital.

The rest of the sick children taken off the plane were transported to hospitals by a fleet of county and private ambulances.

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girl at Mt. Zion hospital here yesterday.

Doctors at the Presidio, where the medical screening of the children being flown from Saigon is based, said the child, whose only known name was Dorothea, had been taken to Mt. Zion shortly after her arrival here.

It was the first death reported among the more than 900 orphans who have arrived in the Bay Area since the airlift began.

Dr. Alex Stalcup, one of the chief organizers of the volunteer medical effort, said the little girl was among those aboard the C-54 Maxie that crashed after takeoff from Tan Son Nhut airport in Vietnam April 4.

The infection, however, had already started before then, he said.

"The delay prevented such needed medical treatment," he said. The infection had spread into bone tissue, and emergency surgery at Mt. Zion was too late.

Stalcup said infection is one of the most dangerous enemies of the orphan airlift. In particular, he said, it is "a miracle" more children have not been lost due to the huge numbers of children aboard some of the aircraft and the danger of cross-infection.

More than 150 children have been hospitalized at Bay Area facilities during the airlift, "which is just about capacity," Stalcup said.

Stalcup and other doctors at the Presidio have asked that no more flights be brought to the Bay Area for several days "while we let our volunteers and the hospitals rest a bit."

The most critically needed change, he added, "is to have fewer kids on these planes. It is unmanageable to have a couple hundred sick kids all arrive at the same time. It is not healthy on the plane, and it strains our resources here."

Babylift operation ends on a sour note

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"Operation Babylift" is finished at the Presidio — at least for the time being.

Ailing orphans are improving in Los Angeles

Orphans Airlift officials said the last of 980 Vietnamese and mixed-blood children left Harmon Hall last night for foster homes.

some Vietnamese translators said many of the children moved through the Presidio were not legitimate orphans but rather the children of South Vietnamese officials.

Airlift officials insisted last night that the program

LOS ANGELES — Three

Vietnam Orphan Airlift to Resume

The Immigration and Naturalization Service yesterday announced it is resuming airlifts of Vietnam orphans so that about 300 remaining in Saigon can be processed.

A total of 1633 orphans had been airlifted to this country before the immigration service temporarily suspended the program until it could be

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Man Who Agreed to Aid 30 Orphans Getting 180

MT. ANGEL, Ore. (AP)—A retired Army colonel who volunteered to shelter 30 handicapped orphans from South Vietnam has found himself with 180 homeless youngsters.

Henry Lambert, who served in Vietnam before retiring

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innocent victims

Photo and story by Jim Rodgers

(Editor's note: The names used in the following case are fictitious. The incident did not occur at the Presidio but it did occur in a civilian community and is typical of many child abuse cases.)

Ralph Burton was enraged. His 14-month-old son, Mark, had been screaming for several hours, ignoring the father's repeated shouts to 'shut up!' Eventually, something seemed to snap inside the father

Medical Center (LAMC)," said Michael Schwartz, coordinator of the San Francisco Child Abuse Council. "They're accessible, they're understanding and they care about both the child and the parents."

Colonel James L. Stewart, Jr., chief, Department of Pediatrics, is chairman of that team, the Infant and Child Protective Council at LAMC. "One of the main things we want people to understand," Dr. Stewart said, "is that we're not a punishing commit-

couple with no close friends and nowhere to turn in time of trouble. When pressures of the job, debts or marital problems build up, an irritable child can be the straw that breaks the camel's back. They can't send Junior off to Grandma's or call in a close friend while they get away for a few hours. Money problems may prevent them from hiring a babysitter while they enjoy a few valuable hours of much needed relaxation. In such a case, the child often



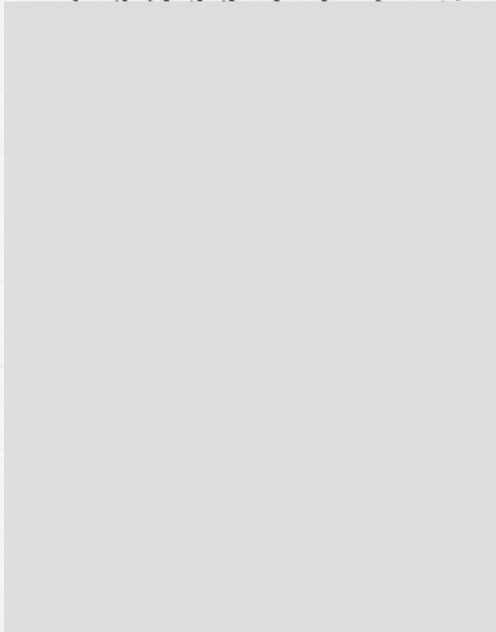
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Catholic Agency Opposes Airlift of Viet Orphans

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—An official of Caritas International, the Roman Catholic relief organization, said Fri-

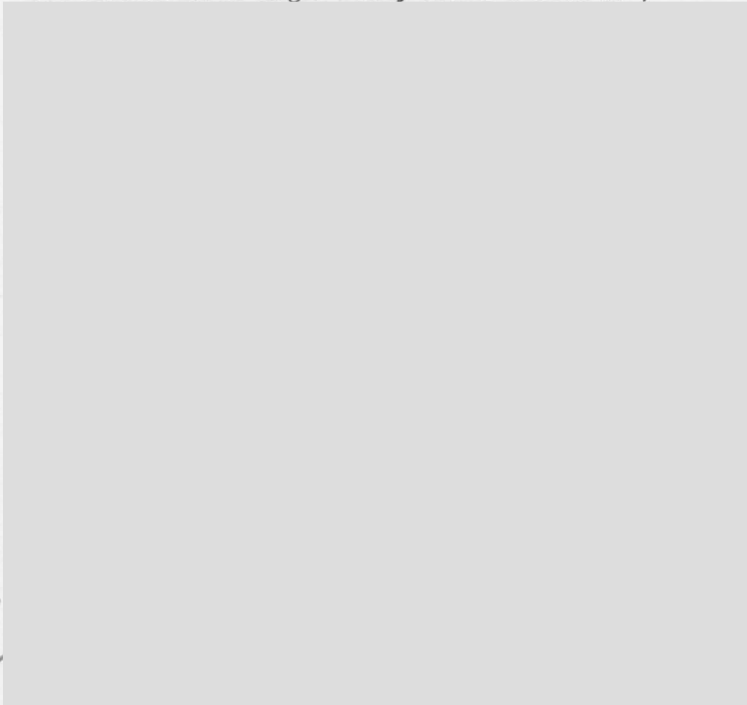


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300 Viet Orphans Flown Out as Airlift Resumes

SAIGON (UPI)—Nearly 300 Vietnamese war orphans were airlifted out of Saigon Friday aboard a series of



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turned down the request of the social worker, Mrs. Betty Tisdale, of Columbus, movie actress Ina Balin and other Americans to take the older children and some of the staff members of the An Lac Orphanage.

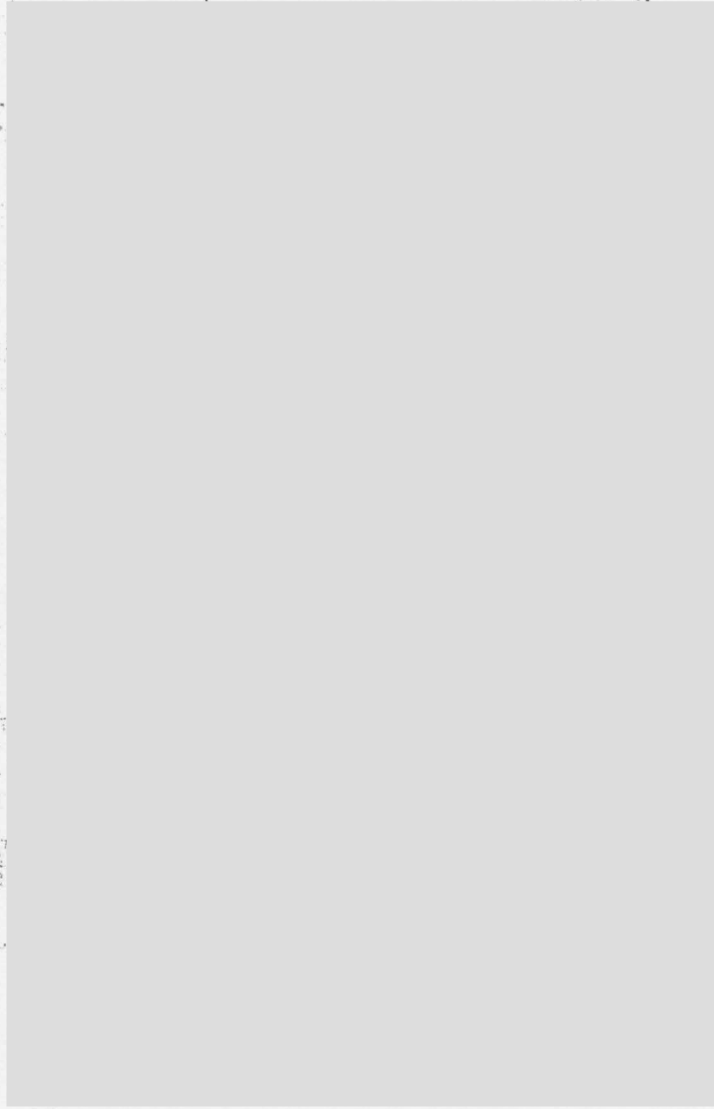
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First Group of Orphans Flies Out of Cambodia

From United Press International

A U.S. Air Force plane Thursday flew the first group of Cambodian war orphans toward eventual adoption in the United States, and South Vietnam unexpectedly agreed to let all 219 children under the age of 10 leave the An Lac orphanage for Ft. Benning, Ga.

An Air Force spokesman at Clark Air Base in the Phi-



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3 U.S. Groups Plead for More Large Orphan Lifts

SAIGON (AP)—Three American groups associated with orphanages housing 1,600 Vietnamese children tried Wednesday to convince South Vietnam to change its decision that youngsters would no longer be sent abroad in large numbers for adoption.

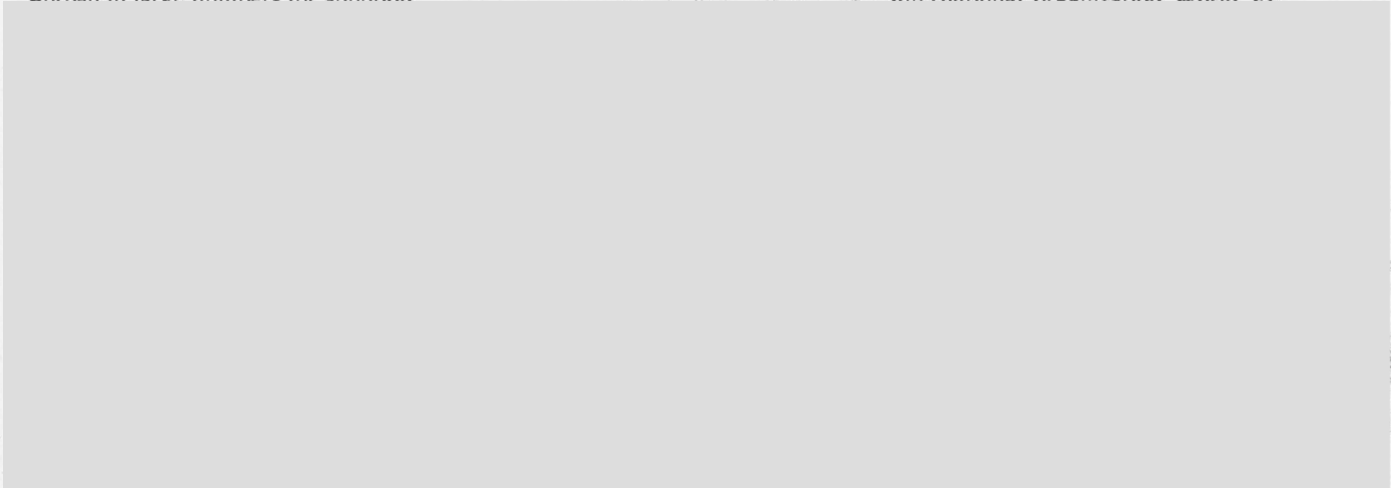
"Perhaps we can get the impossible accomplished," said Miss Balin, who wanted to adopt a 3-year-old child.

After the weekend airlift of about 1,700 orphans to the United States and other countries, the Vietnamese

dren that will not cause hurt to the Vietnamese people," Mrs. Darragh said, referring to criticism here against permitting children to leave for adoption.

As an example she mentioned three blonde-haired children "who don't even look Vietnamese" at the orphanage.

Mary Graves of Welcome House, an adoption agency at Doylestown, Pa., said that she also had been seeing Dan to secure clearance through the international organization World W



they had got permission to send out nine children but were hoping to get clearance for most of the orphanage's residents.

by those favored by Americans, out of the Hoi Duc Anh orphanage, which has 635 residents.

"We are interested in getting chil-

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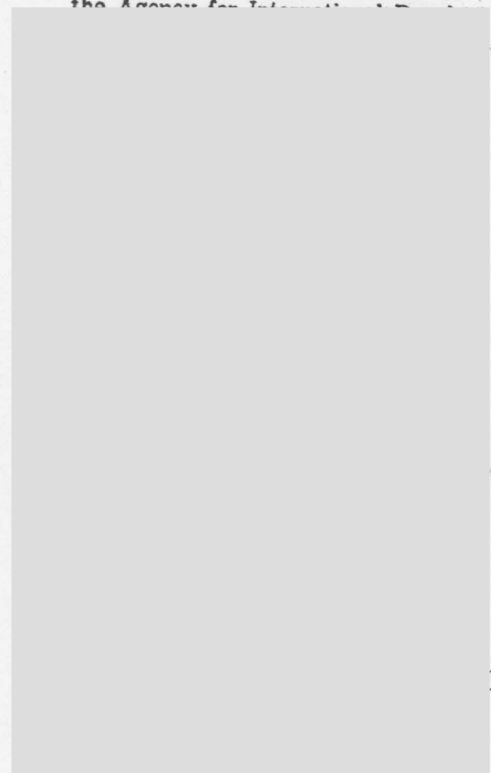


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Orphan Airlift Figure Corrected

WASHINGTON (UPI)—State Department officials said Wednesday that administrator Daniel Parker of the Agency for International Development



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3,000 to 4,000 More Viet Orphans Exp

BY RICHARD L. LYONS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—The number of South Vietnamese orphans to be brought to the United States for adoption probably will not exceed another 3,000 to 4,000, according to Daniel Parker, who coordinated the airlift program for the Agency for International Development.

Parker testified Tuesday before the House immigration subcommittee, here he was criticized for airlifting

more than 1,300 Vietnamese orphans to this country without consulting Congress, and before the Senate refugees subcommittee whose chairman, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), criticized the government for doing too little in the face of "the growing crisis of people in Indochina."

Parker told House members, who said they had been deluged with phone calls asking how to adopt an orphan, that private volunteer agencies who operate the adoption pro-

grams gave him the 3,000-to-4,000 figure as an "informal estimate."

AID has repeatedly announced that all the orphans that have arrived here in the past week and those awaiting flights had already been scheduled for placement in American homes—before the current crisis erupted. This had been done through private adoption and welfare organizations. The agency has also requested that Americans interested in adopting Vietnamese orphans should

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contact one of these organizations—not the government.

reunite Vietnamese children with relatives or in foster homes in their native land. They are sent to the United States or other countries for adoption only as a "last resort," he said.

Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D-Pa.), sub-

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government's foreign aid program, he has been used to talking with the Foreign Affairs Committee and for-

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Last 300 Orphans in Baby Lift Arrive

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Nearly 300 Vietnamese refugee children arrived at the Presidio Tuesday, the last of the major orphan airlifts ordered by President Ford.

A chartered Overseas National Airways DC-10 jetliner landed at Travis Air Force Base, 45 miles away, earlier in the day. A convoy of 14 buses brought the children to the 6th Army Presidio orphan reception center.

Nineteen children were immediately hospitalized, bringing to nearly 100 the number of infants under medical care. Only three or four of the 100 children are acutely ill, said Dr. Alex

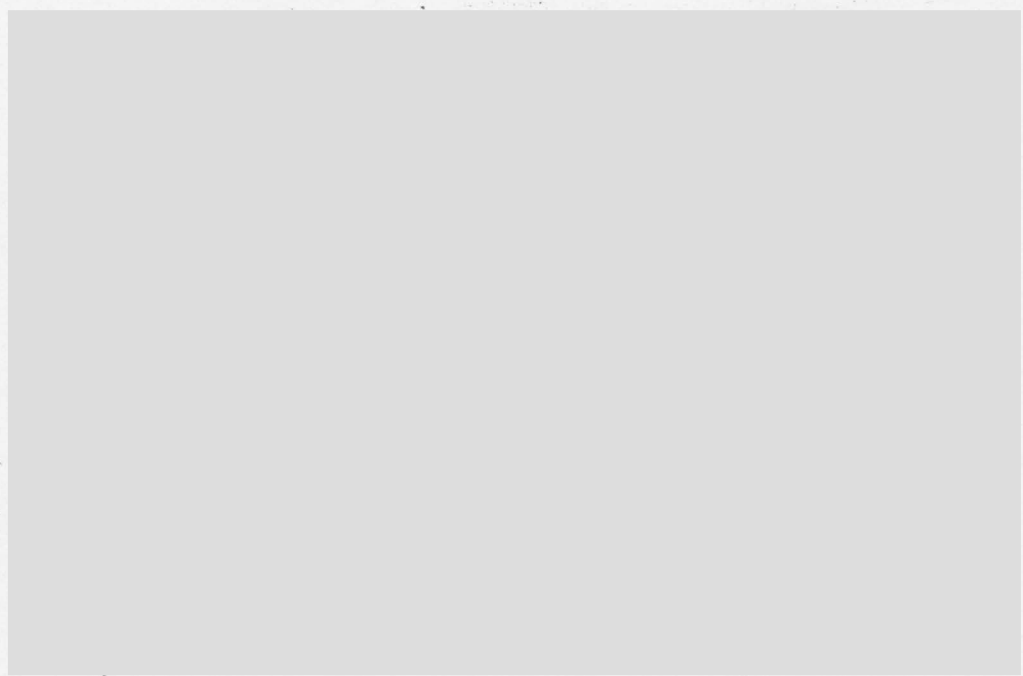
Stalcup, the supervising physician at the refugee center.

He said the 19 children who were hospitalized Tuesday had common ailments and none was seriously ill.

Hundreds of volunteers, including doctors, took charge of the children as they left the plane.

About 70 escorts and medical personnel accompanied the children on the day-long flight from Saigon. There were 302 children originally aboard the flight, but some were left in Honolulu for medical treatment.

More than 1,700 children have now been airlifted from war torn South



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Babylift continues

By JOHN M. LEIGHTY
United Press International

Patrick, 5, and Michael, 6, arrived in Hudson Falls, N.Y., and one quickly asked: "Are there any VC here?"

"I told them you can run and play here and not worry about the Viet Cong," said Nora Collins, who with her husband, Robert, have adopted the boys.

At least 1,200 war orphans from South Vietnam, most of them infants, are in the process of beginning a new life with American parents.

Thousands of other children were waiting in Saigon for flights to the United States and other countries. Their fate was in doubt today because of a 24-hour curfew and the sealing off of Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Airport following the bombing of the presidential palace.

An Overseas National Airways flight of 302 refugee children winged toward a mid-day touchdown at Travis AFB. It had been preceded Monday night by an Air Force jet carrying 65 orphans.

About 20 per cent of the infants who have arrived so far in Northern California needed treatment for dehydration, diarrhea and other minor disorders that resulted from the 26-hour, 10,000-mile flight from their homeland.

"There have been no rare or bizarre or tropical diseases among the orphans," said Dr. S. Alex Stalcup, who was one of the many volunteer doctors working with the arrivals at a converted Army garage in San Francisco's Presidio.

What we have found is the

garden variety of illnesses, nothing different from what you'd find in the family pediatricians' office."

Most of the children were being processed through the Presidio within 24 hours so as to be united with their new families as quickly as possible.

Only one of the 16 hospitalized children who arrived on a weekend Seattle flight was in serious condition Monday, said Dr. Stephen Rice of Children's Orthopedic Hospital.

He said the infant had noninfectious bacterial meningitis. Other babies who were thought to have had chicken pox were found instead to have scabies and at least one child might have syphilis, he said. The children were being held in isolation from other patients.

There was much happiness and some disappointments during the children's arrivals throughout the country.

In Detroit, one woman burst into tears when told the child assigned to her hadn't arrived. At the same airport, Tamara McKay, 6, sang and danced to a bright red station wagon because she had a new brother, Lam Thach Huyuh.

"We got a little boy! We got a little boy!" she said of Lam, who at age 5 was one of the older children airlifted out of Saigon.

Actor Yul Brynner and his wife, Jacqueline, were in their Boston home when word arrived that their adopted Vietnamese girl had landed

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Babylift

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safely and was in San Francisco.

"I'm going to be a father once again," he said. "We're overjoyed. We're very happy."

In Piedmont, Calif., an 11-year-old blind Vietnamese girl, Thuy, became the 18th child of Robert and Dorothy Debolt.

Mrs. Debolt called their new child a "beautiful, beautiful

little girl," and said the family is now awaiting the arrival of a 19th family member, Lee, 13, a Vietnamese boy suffering from polio.

Virginia Thorsen, Salt Lake City, served as an escort on one of the airlifts and said it was both a happy and sad experience.

"I'll never forget it in my whole life; that's for sure."

Procedure changing on adopting orphans

Adoption procedures are being modified in an effort to accommodate families considering taking Vietnamese orphans into their homes.

Just how the procedures will evolve and when they'll be announced is still unknown. Marcy Clausen, Sonoma County Chapter, Friends of Children of Vietnam, asked the public to stop calling her for now.

Persons interested in adoption information and applications must contact the California Department of Health, Intercounty Adoption Section, 744 P St., Sacramento, Calif.

Families should realize most of the children arriving from Vietnam have been placed and are headed for their new homes. It isn't known how many additional children will be available for placement in California.

health officials will announce requirements as changed along with a list of all licensed agencies in South Vietnam involved with adoption.

Mrs. Clausen said Friends of Children of Vietnam, Sonoma County Chapter, will be holding open meetings as soon as reliable information is available, perhaps in a week or two.

She asked persons not to call her number because of a necessity to keep her telephone line open for overseas calls.

Meanwhile, there is a continuing need for volunteers to help the orphan airlift at Presidio of San Francisco.

Needed are nurses and other medical personnel, persons to travel on buses in a one-to-one relationship with the children, child care help at the Presidio and persons to help shuttle sup-

Mother in Tearful Search Finds Joy at End of Line

BY DAVE SMITH
Times Staff Writer

With growing anxiety and eyes that finally began puddling with worry, Donna Mosher peered at each of the tiny faces, looking for the one that would be hers.

She had looked at all 26, she was sure, but maybe she had miscounted? "Should we look again?" she asked her husband, Steve. "He's got to be here."

But she had miscounted, and the last boy was the one she sought—Huy Le Hoeng, 19 months, soon to be known as Shawn Joseph Mosher. The new mother wrapped him in a quilt and cuddled him against the wind.

The child, Mrs. Mosher's first, was one of 26 Vietnamese orphans who arrived Monday in Los Angeles to be placed with American adoptive parents.

The Moshers and five other couples,

all members of Family Ministries, an interdenominational Christian agency, awaited their children with nervous chitchat as first one and then a second delay was announced in the San Francisco-Los Angeles flight.

The flight was chartered via Western Airlines by World Vision International—another interdenominational Christian agency—which operates child care and relief programs in 30 nations.

All 26 children are from its World Vision New Life Baby Home in Saigon. The facility is an intensive care home that takes in severely injured and seriously malnourished children. Some return, after treatment, to other Vietnamese orphanages, while others are kept at the World Vision

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Mother's Frantic Search Turns to Joy

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home, as had been all 26 of Monday's arrivals.

Of the 26, seven already were assigned to homes through Family Min-

prayer sure is strong, huh?"

"Yeah," said Peek. "Lot of good it did me, after that picture."

At the Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena, where the

The son, Jon, 8, looked at his new brother and smiled uncertainly.

Other children were adopted Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bankester of Arcadia. Mr. and Mrs.

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Biggest orphan flight: 302

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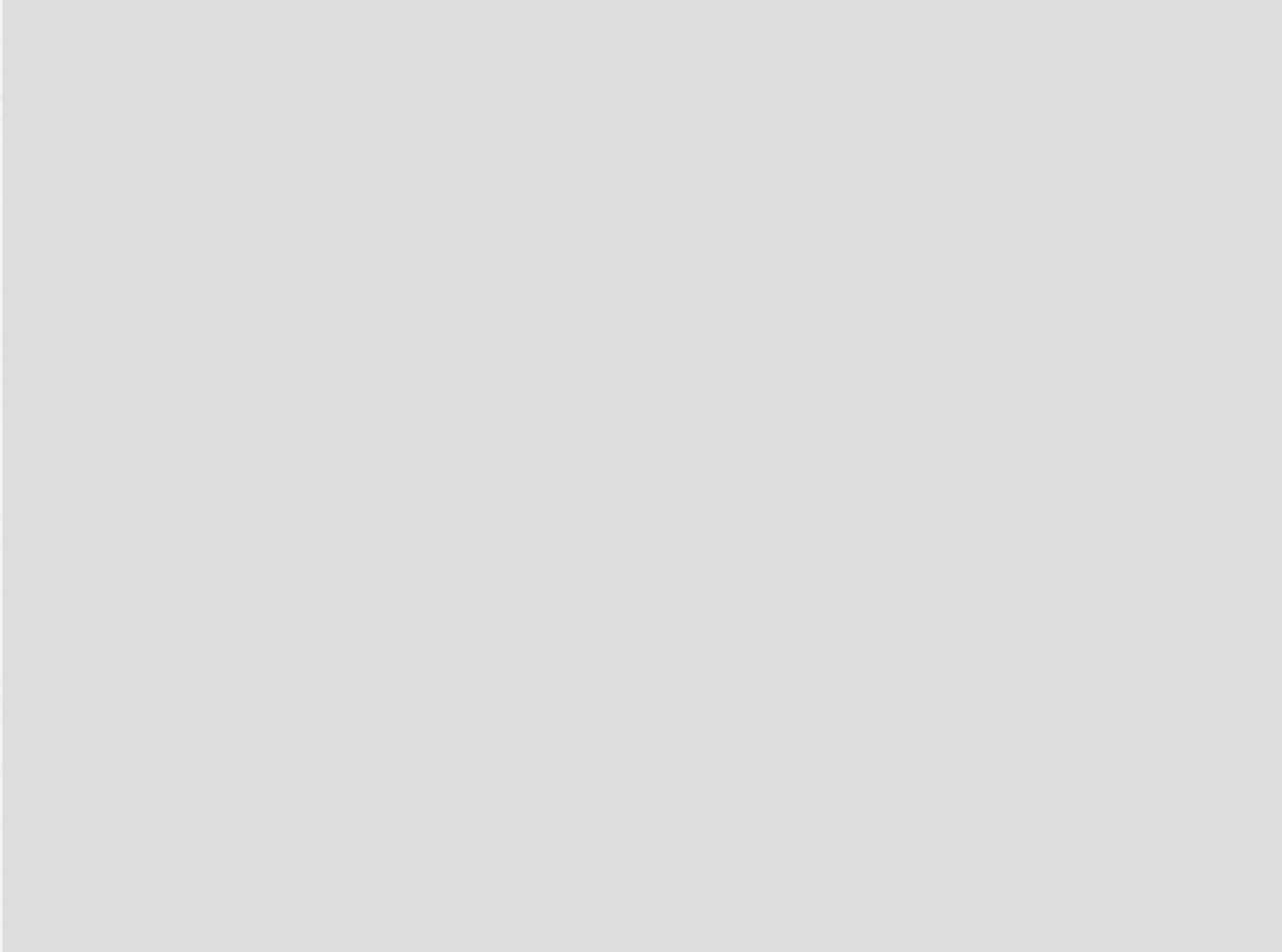
The largest group of orphans, yet to be brought out of war-torn Vietnam was due here today.

adults caring for the children, some of whom were calm and patient, some frightened.

There were 302 youngsters aboard the chartered Overseas National Airways DC-10, the Air Force said. Of these 190 were under a year old; 112 were between 1

When the plane landed at Honolulu it "reeked with dirty diapers," according to Steve Wilson, Associated Press writer who was aboard.

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'They're all such good eaters'

Kids come back for more

By K. Connie Kang

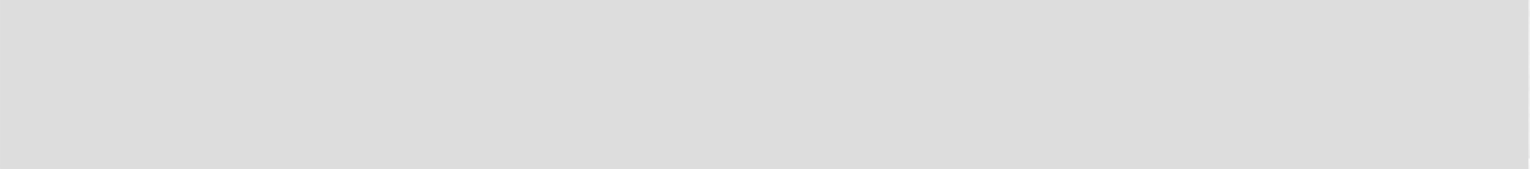
Holding yellow paper bowls and spoons, the Vietnamese orphans kept return-

were the most delicious meal they had ever had.

"These children have

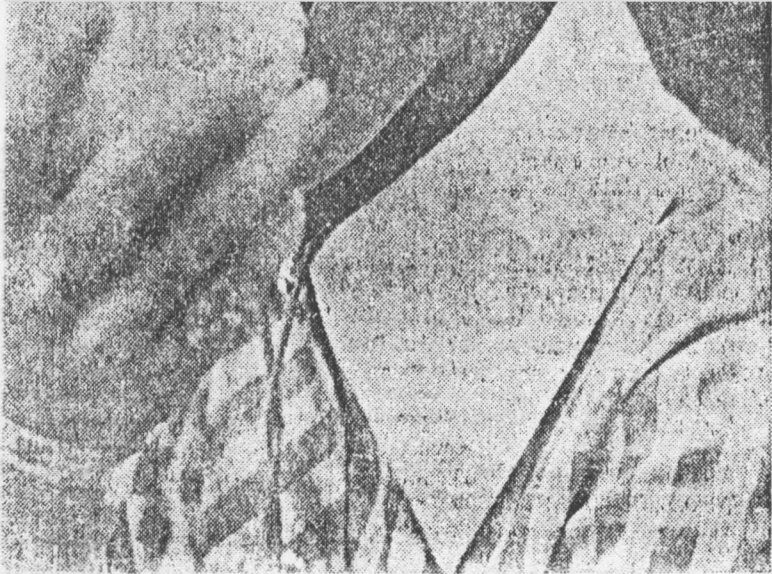
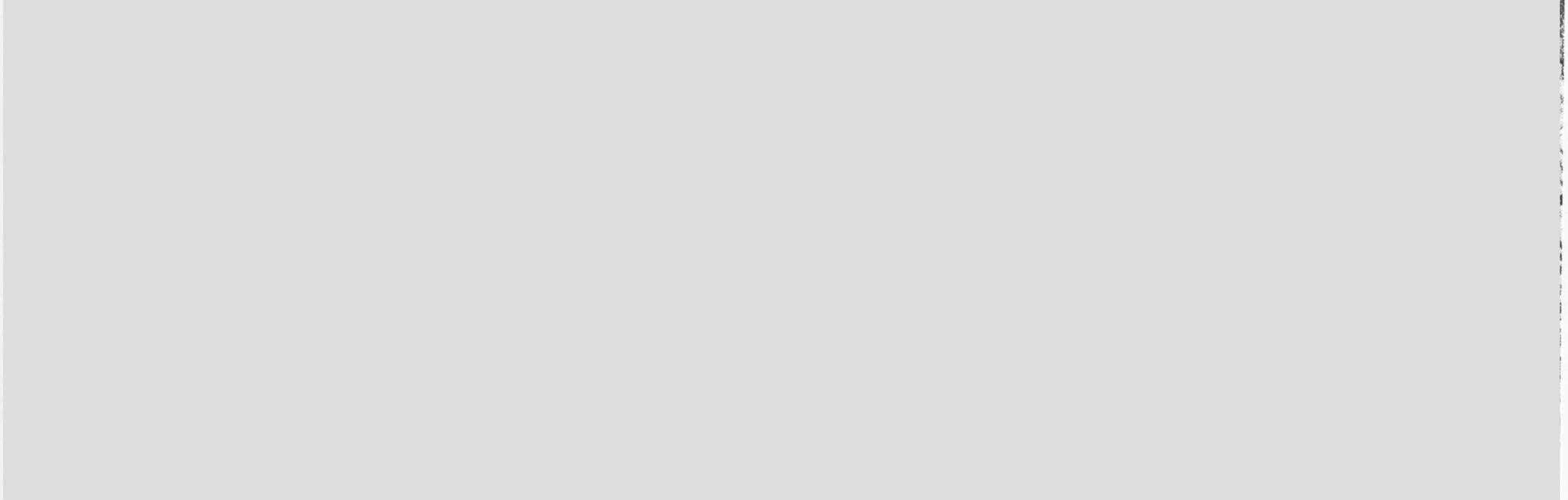
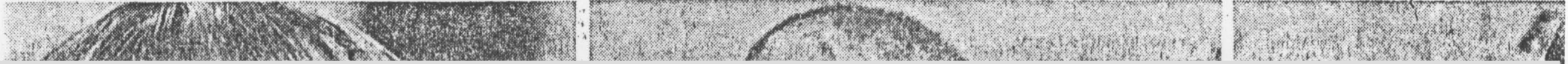
One girl who appeared to be about eight years old had her first orange last night.

At first she didn't know



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Orphans' first concern was eating, many took second and third helpings, then came time

Last Flight on Its Way in Operation Baby Lift

BY DAVID LAMB
Times Staff Writer

Saigon—The last group of a total of more than 1,200 Vietnamese orphans destined for adoption under President Ford's Operation Baby Lift roared away Monday in a B-52 Air Force jet which had arrived hours earlier carrying war supplies for the Saigon government.

Too bewildered to cry and too scared to smile, the 110 children, ranging in age from 2 weeks to 6 years, were carried or led aboard the droop-winged C-141 cargo jet, its four revved-up engines already whining in anticipation of their arrival.

Their departure ended, temporarily at least, an accelerated program marked by drama and tragedy that has brought responses from parents around the world wanting to adopt the innocent victims of Vietnam's endless war.

Dr. Phan Quang Dan, deputy premier for social welfare, said, "The large operation has ended. From now on, the orphans will leave in smaller groups."

"We will need now a minimum of organization and investigation before we can agree to let more children out of the country," Dan told a news conference. "We want to avoid tragedy."

The unofficial airlift began last Wednesday when World Airways Please Turn to p.

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President Ed Daly, who wears a pistol on his right hip and



noon sun had forced the temperature to a breathless 90 degrees and the dozen or so 6-year-olds stood silently in the shade of a stone wall, their faces reflecting that frightened uncertainty of a child headed for his first day of school.

eyes until it was a tiny speck disappearing in the cloudless sky. "Well done, God," she finally said quietly.

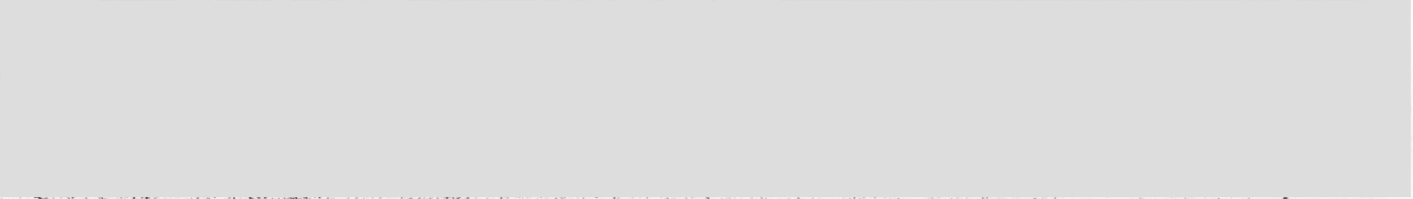
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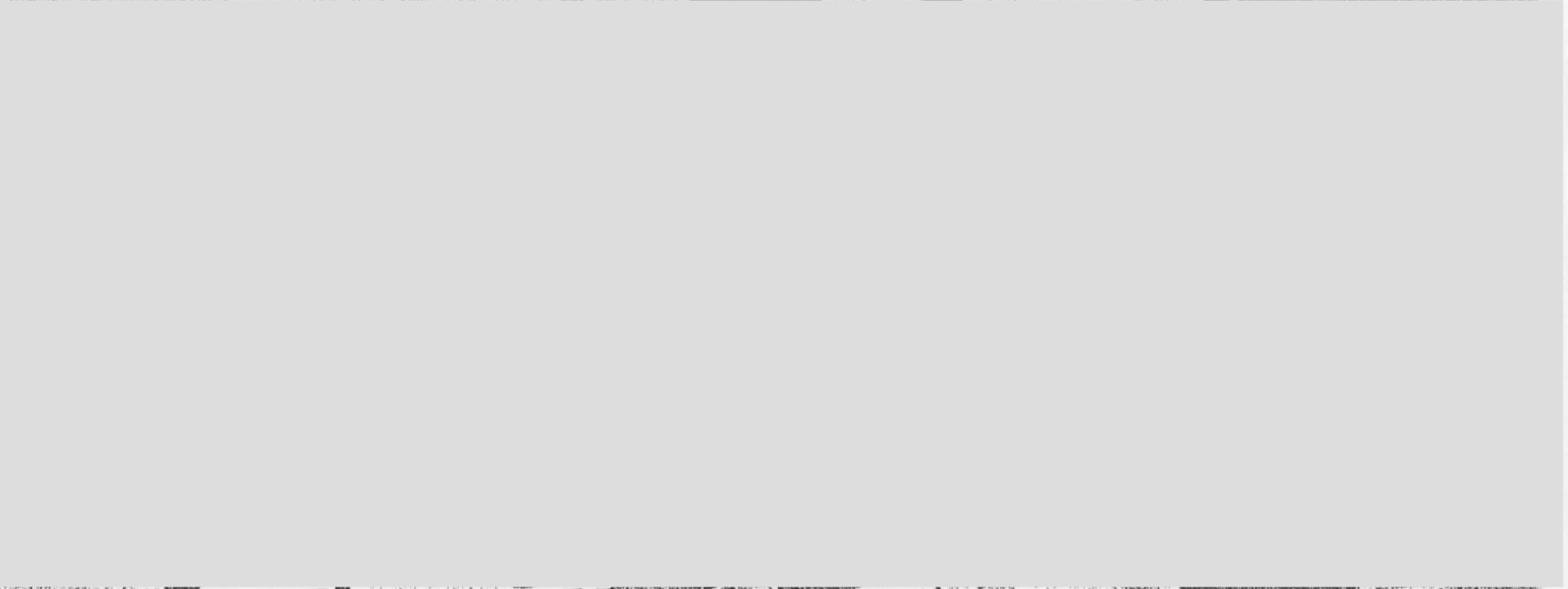
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Mattresses were used instead of beds so
that small children wouldn't roll off.



Hundreds Offer Laps, Love to Orphans

BY DARYL LEMBKE

Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—The arrival of hundreds of Vietnamese orphans in the United States appeared to be bringing out the very best in some Americans Sunday.

Volunteers who went to San Francisco International Airport on buses to carry back infants for temporary tender loving care at the Army Presidio here have already acquired a nickname. They are "the laps."

President Ford himself carried two infants to waiting buses during a rainstorm here Saturday night, then held one child on his own lap while he fed it liquid formula from a bottle.

One doctor, noting that Mr. Ford was himself an orphan, raised by adoptive parents, said he thought he saw tears in the President's eyes.

After the incident, 313 volunteer "laps" carried as many babies into the city.

Forty-seven of the babies, including several in serious condition because of dehydration from diarrhea, were sent by ambulance to various hospitals for intensive treatment by doctors who volunteered their services.

The other orphans were bedded down in Harmon Hall at the Presidio. The children, most of them under six months of age, were gradually being sent out to all parts of the country to meet their adoptive parents.

Meanwhile, the swiftly moving airlift went on. A jetliner landed in Seattle early Sunday with 407 orphans aboard, the largest group thus far. Two planes carrying a total of 136 small children landed at Travis Air Force Base, 50 miles northeast of San Francisco, where the first American prisoners of war returned two years ago. Another flight was reported en route to Vancouver, B.C., and additional flights to Travis were expected to arrive Tuesday.

At the Presidio, Harmon Hall, normally an armory, looked Sunday like the world's largest partitionless nursery. The infants goo-gooed, squawled and gurgled on 120 mattresses, each under the watchful and loving eyes of its own attendant.

Nurses and physicians hustled about and at one end of the auditorium, a mountain of highly unusual supplies for an armory was piled on tables: formula bottles, rubber nipples, talcum powder and disposable diapers.

Some of "the laps" who had gone out to meet the plane 15 hours earlier were still on duty with their charges at noon Sunday.

One of these was Pfc. Judith Ann Bell, 21, who is stationed at the Presidio and is taking nursing training at its Letterman Hospital.

She went aboard the big Pan American 747 Saturday night picked up little Ian, about four months old, and stayed with him all night and most of Sunday. She caught only about a half hour of sleep during that period. Why was she giving up her weekend time before plunging back into her hospital duties at 6 a.m. today?

"It's in my blood," she said. "I love children and I love nursing. Everybody pitched in. All you have to do is holler (at the makeshift nursery) and someone's there."

Wyane Eisenhart, 28, a spokesman for a Santa Rosa group of Vietnam veterans, Flower of the Dragon, which has been donating its services for clerical functions, said he had managed to get seven hours sleep since the airlift began Wednesday.

Asked about criticism that the orphans, even though abandoned in South Vietnam, shouldn't be wrenched loose from their Asian culture and plopped down in another country, Eisenhart replied:

"If they were scooping these kids off the street of Saigon, that would be different. But we're dealing with an immediate crisis in the lives of these children. I don't know what their fate would be if left in Vietnam."

Terry McLaughlin, 28, another member of the Dragon group, has been working long hours on keeping

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Hundreds of orphans flown

AIGON (UPI) — Airliners stocked with pers, milk and hot dogs Saturday flew Vietnamese orphans in record numbers from the r zone to the United States, Britain, Canada J Australia. Below them lay the smouldering eckage of Friday's tragic start to Operation bylift.

The second of three West Coast-bound liners carrying homeless Vietnamese ldren, including survivors of a Saigon save-babies plane crash, landed in San ancisco Saturday night with President Ford d his wife on hand to welcome them. It ried 320 children.

ord entered the big Pan American Airways but his wife, Betty, refrained from contact h the children because some of them had

Creagh Gemmell, a registered nurse and daughter of Press Democrat Family Section editor Roby Gemmell, is aboard an orphan transport scheduled to arrive at noon today at Travis Air Force Base. She phoned from the Phillipines enroute today.

chicken pox. The First Lady is under post-cancer chemotherapy which destroys her immunity to such diseases. She watched the arrival from afar.

One of the attending physicians said the President was in no danger from the chicken pox. Dr. William Lukash, the White House physician, would not allow Mrs. Ford close to the children.

A dozen white-coated doctors were the first to enter the plane dubbed "Clipper Rainbow"

Nineteen Army buses and five ambulances were provided to carry the bewildered children to the Army facility to undergo physical examinations and processing for immigration

The first of three West Coastbound jetliners carrying homeless Vietnamese children, including survivors of a crash near Saigon, landed in San Francisco Saturday night with 18 children aboard.

The Pan American Airways 707 landed at 5:50 p.m. PDT. The children had been flown out of South Vietnam Wednesday but were delayed for two days in Guam because their plane developed mechanical trouble. The craft landed in Honolulu, but all the passengers were

transferred to the 707, again because of mechanical problems.

The adopting parents of four of the children on the first flight were on hand at the airport to meet the plane. The rest of the children were taken to a San Francisco Army facility for immigration processing and medical attention.

One of the new parents was Mark Bahti, 24, a Tucson, Ariz., Indian arts and crafts shop owner, who snapped pictures of his daughter, Kim, 19 months as she was carried off the plane.

Kim is the daughter of an American sergeant and Vietnamese woman. Bahti said his wife was waiting at home. He said they have been trying for two years to adopt a Vietnamese child.

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Hundreds of orphans

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as well as 112 civilian refugees to Clark Air Base in the Phillipines, on route to the United States.

In the New York City metropolitan area, operators of six shopping centers joined the Friends for Children of Vietnam in a two-week fund drive aimed at aiding the orphans.

"Its a terrific thing they're doing and it's bound to be a great help," said Lawrence Anderer, vice president of the Rockville chapter of the childrens agency. "The money is desperately needed and for more than just evacuating orphans."

He said additional funds were needed to

provide temporary foster care, transportation from ports of entry, medical expenses and the costs of adoptions.

A British Midlands Airways 707 jet chartered by the London Daily Mail newspaper left London Saturday with five doctors, six nurses and 19 newsmen and cameramen to pick up more orphans.

Still another 62 orphans from Vietnam and Cambodia landed Saturday in Hong Kong aboard a Canadian Air Force C130 Hercules transport. The children, 40 Vietnamese and 22 Cambodians ranging in age from 4 weeks to 2 years, were flown out the Montreal-based Family for Children.

Aboard one of the flights that landed at Clark Field were American civilians, wives and

Vietnam. It was scheduled to arrive in Seattle at 11:10 p.m. EDT.

On board were a doctor, eight nurses, diapers, 1,000 bottles of milk and a plentiful supply of hotdogs.

"None of these children will lack a home," said Wink Guthrie of the Holt Agency.

Half the children were bound for adoptive parents in the Chicago and New York areas, and the rest will be housed in Seattle until they are picked up or delivered to new parents on the West Coast.

A few hours later, another Pan Am 747 left with 321 orphans.

In addition, five U.S. Air Forces C141 Starlifter Transports flew another 141 orphans

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A dozen white-coated doctors were the first transferred to the 707, again because of "We decided to start our family by adopting"

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1,000 ORPHANS DUE IN U.S. TODAY

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Those youngsters arriving Saturday and today were on planes bound for San Francisco, Seattle and possibly Travis Air Force Base near Fairfield, Calif.

from throughout the nation, the spokesman said, offering their homes to the children.

The department is remaining open during the weekend to handle such requests.

Australia has opened its doors to 212 Vietnamese orphans so far and has offered to take an unlimited number if necessary.

'Baby Lift' Bringing 1,000 More Viet Orphans to U.S.

BY AL MARTINEZ and KATHY BURKE

Times Staff Writers

More than 1,000 Vietnamese orphans were to arrive Saturday and today in California and Washington state as part of America's massive "Operation Babylift."

President and Mrs. Ford announced they would fly to San Francisco to meet one of the planes.

The Fords were scheduled to leave Palm Springs, where they are vacationing, aboard Air Force One at 8 p.m. Saturday to welcome the Vietnamese youngsters.

Forty-two of the infants were survivors of the jet cargo plane crash Friday near Saigon that took about 200 lives. All are headed for new homes with new parents in the United States.

Two chartered Boeing 747 jumbo jets and two Air Force C-141s roared skyward from Tan Son Nhut airbase after tearful farewells between the orphans and those who had been caring for them in war-shattered South Vietnam.

Another 18 children were aboard a

fifth plane, a commercial flight, carrying them to the U.S.

Even as the flights left Saigon, investigators were still sifting wreckage and hunting bodies in the rice paddy where a C-5A Galaxy crashed with 243 aboard. It was the second-worst air tragedy in U.S. aviation history.

Adoption agencies across the United States were gearing up to provide homes for all of the youngsters orphaned by the renewed warfare raging across South Vietnam.

The response from potential adoptive parents has been phenomenal, a federal government spokesman said.

The Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C., which is directing the \$2 million airlift ordered by President Ford, said it has been inundated with calls and is now telling inquirers there are no more children available for adoption.

About 2,000 orphans are scheduled to be brought to the United States.

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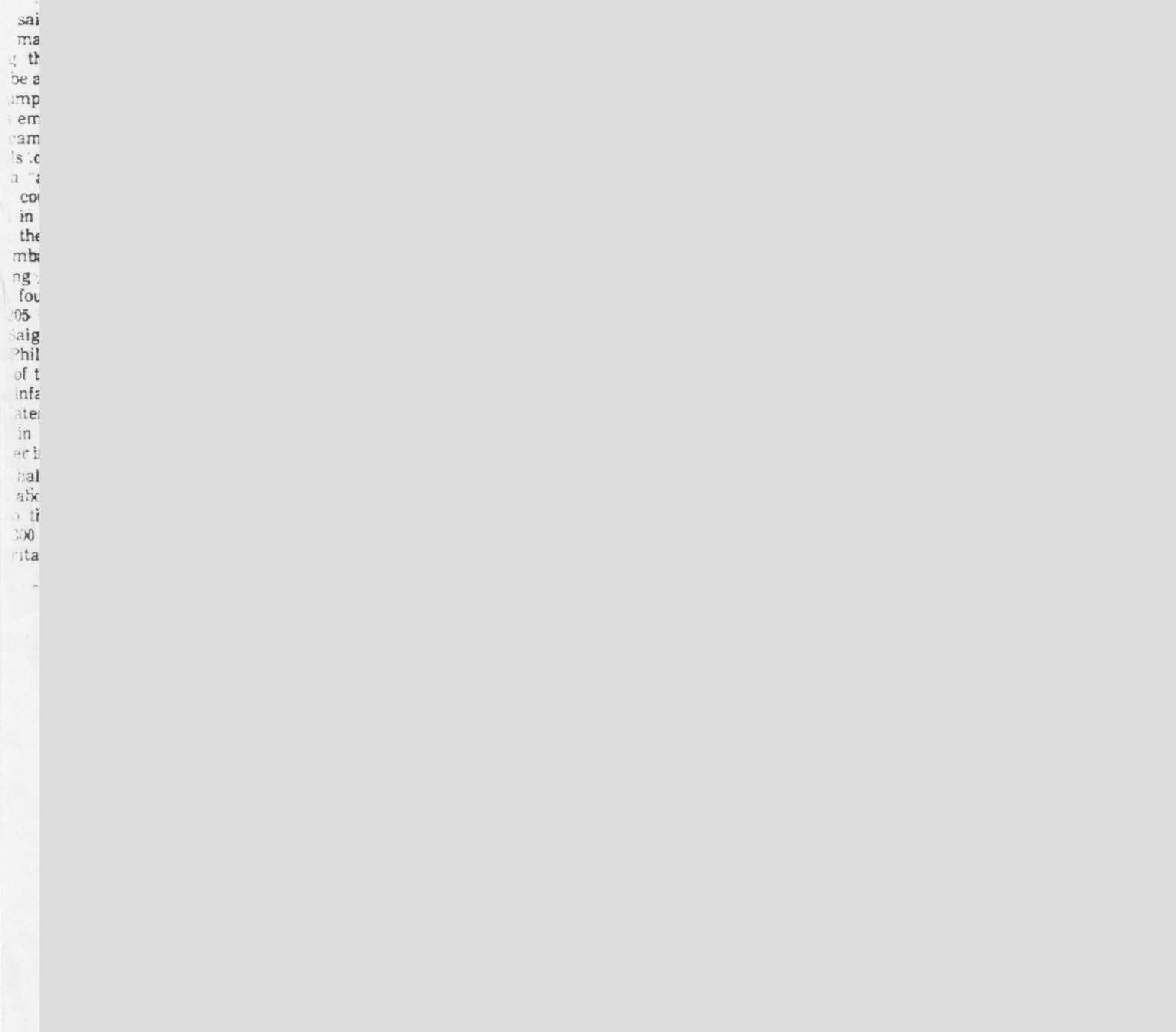
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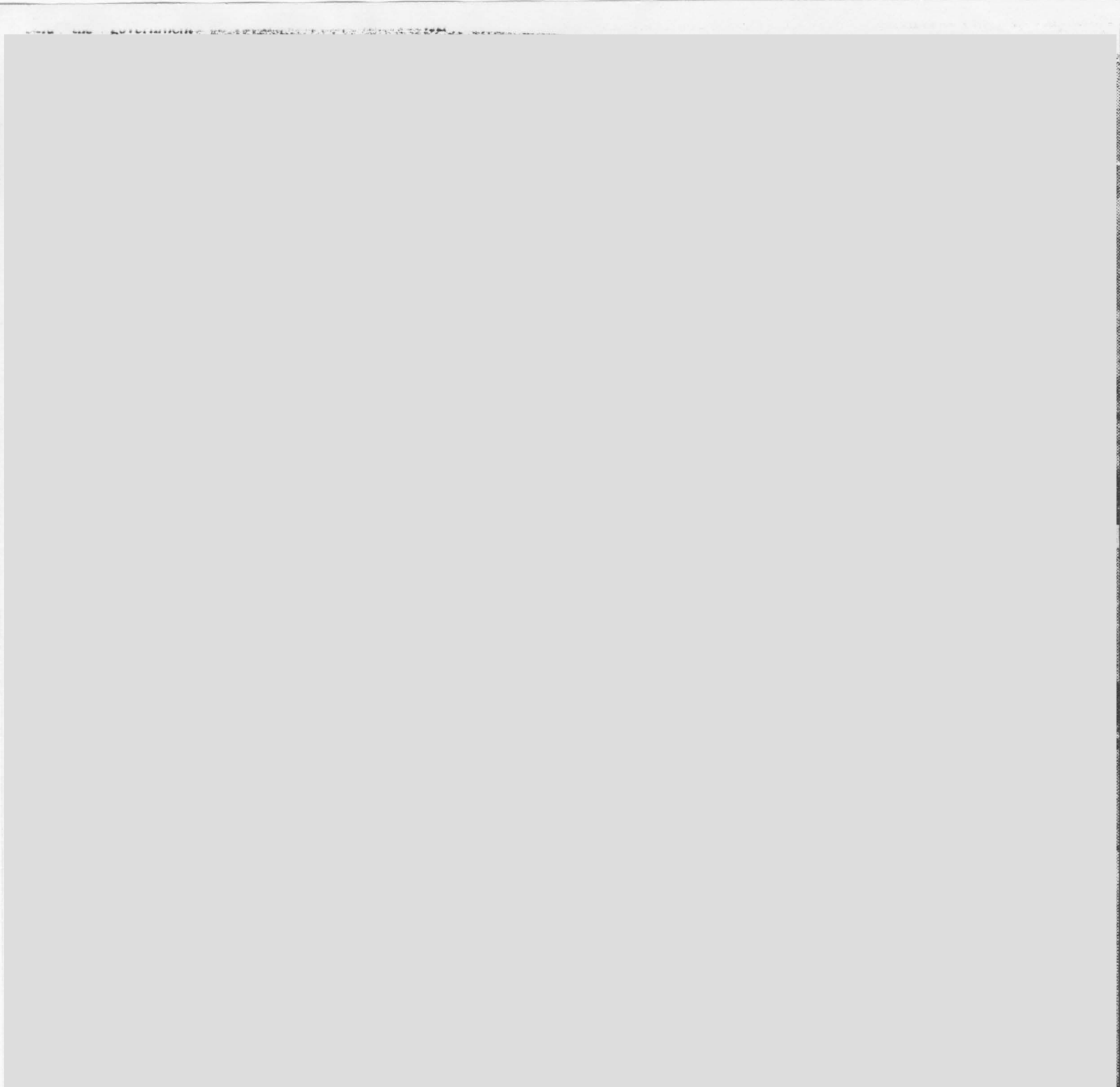
SAIGON (UPI) — The Saigon government said today that "Operation Babylift" will go on. Vietnamese orphans will be allowed to fly out of the country to their homes in the United States and other countries. Prime Minister Phan Dan announced resumption of the evacuation of orphans only hours after it was

American refugee workers and Australian Prime Minister Edward Gough Whitlam. Whitlam said the Australian embassy in Saigon was told by Phan Dan that the quota of orphans for emergency evacuation from South Vietnam had been filled. There was no present intention to agree to additional blanket waivers for bulk

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The 18th child in their family

by K. Connie Kang

Robert and Dorothy deBolt of Piedmont now have their "18th child—a blind 11-year-old Vietnamese girl who survived last week's disastrous plane crash and arrived here Saturday night.

'A great baby-snatch'

United Press International
NEW YORK — The leader of a committee going to Paris to confer with representatives of North Vietnam and

ing a jet to Paris. She was accompanied by representatives of Women's Strike for Peace, Protestant religious leaders and college teachers.

Alaskans plan an airlift

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Jay Hammond and other state leaders have joined

\$10,000 by today. He also declared that day "Operation Orphan Airlift Day" in Alaska.

105 orphans reach London

Associated Press

LONDON — A jetliner chartered by the London newspaper Daily Mail flew into Heathrow Airport last night with 105 Vietnamese

Nurse Elizabeth Namb, one of the medical team that treated the orphans during the 8,500-mile flight from Saigon, told newsmen: "But for this flight, 50 per cent of these children would have

He's happy to have a family

United Press International

CHICAGO — Dr. James Steiner and his family from West Liberty, Ohio, met their newest family member yesterday, a handsome 8-

Vietnamese orphans to land in Chicago to meet their new parents. He's studied English, but his response came through an interpreter.

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Ford's greeting for 319 Viet orphans in S.F.

500 Vietnam orphans flown here by tonight

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esses covered the concrete
por of "orphan central" for
e tired flood of young refu-
ees.

Stacks of baby bottles,
ybean-based baby formu-
a, fresh fruit, gelatin and
ice also awaited the or-
phans, she said.

The Pan American jet was
the second to land last night
at San Francisco Interna-
tional with Vietnamese or-
phans. A twice delayed reg-
ularly scheduled Pan Am jet
carrying 18 Vietnamese
youngsters arrived shortly
after 5 p.m.

The plane was grounded in
Guam and Hawaii with me-
chanical troubles. In Ha-
wail, the 18 orphans and the
other passengers spent Fri-
day night in a hotel.

Virtually all the orphans
on both planes have already
been adopted by American
parents, said a spokesman
for Friends For All Chil-
dren, the private volunteer

ese orphans reaching Cali-
fornia is expected to exceed
900 by tonight with the
planned arrival of three
more planeloads of refugees
at Travis Air Force Base,
near Fairfield, this after-
noon and evening.

Two Air Force C-141 Star-
lifters and an Overseas Na-
tional Airways DC-10, with
perhaps 500 orphans, were
scheduled to arrive at Trav-
is today.

Another chartered Pan
Am jet was scheduled to
touch down at Seattle-
Tacoma International Air-
port at midnight last night
carrying 409 orphans and 73
nurses, doctors and escorts.

A Pan American official
said he believed the passen-
ger load — including many
tiny infants — was a record
for a 747 jumbo jet.

The orphans aboard the
Seattle-bound aircraft were
adopted by families in
Washington and Oregon
through Holt International

Children's Services, of Eu-
gene, Ore.

The plane was crammed
with bassinets, diapers, bot-
tles and food including hot
dogs. Many of the escorts
carried infants in their arms
for most of the flight.

At the Presidio, Army offi-
cials said they were ready to
handle up to 700 children.

On hand are 7,886 bottles
of formula, at least 10,000
disposable diapers, 2,440 cot-
ton tipped swabs and 750
cotton balls, 1,440 aspirin ta-
blets, gallons of baby pow-
der, ointment by the bushel,
toothpaste and towels.

In Saigon, as the massive
"Operation Babylift" went
into high gear early Satur-
day, the scene was far from
happy.

Vietnamese foster families
— many of whom had to
give up their youngsters to
American families — wept
openly as the toddlers were
loaded aboard

President and Mrs. Ford
were scheduled to welcome
319 Vietnamese orphans to
America last night at San
Francisco International Air-
port despite 14 cases of
"routine" chicken pox
among the young refugees.

The President and First
Lady were scheduled to fly
from Palm Springs to meet
the Pan American Airways
chartered 747 and spend
about 30 minutes here before
returning to southern Cali-
fornia.

After the White House
announced the last-minute
presidential visit, word
arrived that at least 14 of
the Vietnamese children
aboard the jet were suffer-
ing from chicken pox.

It was not known what ef-
fect the news of the chicken
pox outbreak would have on
the Fords' visit.

"The President and Mrs.
Ford are going because they
are deeply touched by the
plight of the South Vietnam-
ese people and especially by
the thousands of innocent or-
phans," a White House
spokesman said late yester-
day.

The Fords were to leave
Palm Springs airport aboard
Air Force One at 8 p.m. and
meet the Pan American 747
when it landed in a special
area at the airport at 9:30
p.m.

Aboard the chartered jet
were 319 Vietnamese chil-
dren — many of mixed par-

Weary volunteers remain cheerful for their Viet waifs

By Robert Hollis

Despite their near exhaustion, the hundreds of volunteer workers at the Presidio once again have opened their hearts to a large group of orphans in what may have been the last big baby lift from Vietnam.

"As far as we know, no more flights are due," said an Flannigan, spokesman for Orphans Airlift yesterday.

Almost 300 Vietnamese children and infants — some only weeks old — arrived late yesterday at the Presidio's "orphan central," where, in spite of a bomb threat, immediate medical and food needs were met.

The 200 volunteer doctors, nurses and aides waiting at Armon Hall were evacuated about 1:15 p.m. yesterday because of a bomb threat.

Army Maj. Mike Williams told a caller to Stanford University's radio station that a bomb was set to go off in the building at 2:30. An explosive was found.

The building was empty of children at the time. Security around the converted truck-repair garage was stepped up, however.

Many of the workers, some of whom have worked only a week with little rest, said the children presented a sad and heart-breaking sight.

"They're mostly little darlings," said one Red Cross volunteer who asked that name not be used.

"They're so in need of a little love and handling that they seem to grab at anyone nearby."

Dr. Alex Stalcup, chief of medical services at the orphan reception center, agreed.

"They are so sad and depressed and they form intense attachments to individuals who casually come by. If a person walks away, they are just destroyed.

"When they are consoled by somebody, they are very tender. They are the most responsive and loving kids in the world. They need to be fondled and held."

Indeed, as the 269 youngsters and babies were carried or walked off 17 buses yesterday, after a charter flight from Saigon to Travis Air Force Base, many clung to the volunteer escorts as they stared wide-eyed at the television cameras and 100 or so bystanders.

Col. James L. Stewart, chief of pediatrics at Letterman Army Hospital, said an initial check of all 269 children who got off the Overseas National Airlines DC-10 yesterday showed them to be "in very good health."

Sixteen orphans were hospitalized during a refueling stop in Honolulu.

Only three of the children had to be hospitalized at Travis. The rest will spend 24 to 36 hours at the Presidio before going on to their new American families.

All the children have been adopted, said Flannigan.

As the mass babylift appeared to be slowing yesterday, Army officials said they were relieved. Many of the volunteers have been working with a flood of children since Saturday.

In Washington, D.C., officials for the Agency for International Development

AID and State Department officials said there was an April 10 deadline for getting orphans under way from Indochina.

That deadline, imposed by the South Vietnam government, could be extended, but has not as yet.

Babylifts will continue

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The United States will continue to ferry orphans from South Vietnam for as long as transportation is needed, the administrator of the Agency for International Development told Congress yesterday.

Daniel Parker, whose agency has provided \$2 million so far for the orphan airlift, said another 4,000 orphans may come to the United States, above the number already here.

He did not mention the

April 10 deadline, set by the South Vietnamese government for ending the airlift.

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., asked if precautions were made by AID to be sure no children were being airlifted to the United States without knowledge or permission of parents.

Parker said those orphans were processed by seven adoption agencies licensed by South Vietnam, whose operations were overseen by the South Vietnamese ministry of social welfare.

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Orphans ride big sky-bunny

CHICAGO — Vietnamese orphans, some of them riding on Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner's seven-foot circular bed, were flown to

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'Babylift is necessary'

By SUSAN SWARTZ
 A number of Vietnamese who live in Sonoma County and one American who taught in Vietnam support Operation Babylift, but not because they fear the Communists would kill the orphans. They suggest that the children's mixed parentage would brand them as second class citizens, war or no war.

However, one woman here only five weeks from Saigon, said she believes the Communists would kill the orphans had they not been airlifted out of their path.

Thu Pham, a student at California State College, Sonoma, said "the children

have a better future over here ... because of their mixed blood."

She added, "I don't think the Communists would kill the babies, but I don't know, it could be they would."

She has lived in the United States for six years, but her family is still in Saigon.

She said yesterday that she talked to her mother that morning. "She told me they are okay. But, no, I don't think they will leave. She said no one can get out."

"Some argue that the Vietnamese people should not leave the country. I can understand that point of

view," said Mai Cook, who lives in Cloverdale.

"But it is best for the children to get adopted over here. There they would be looked down at as mixed kids. Of course, even over here, some will look down at them."

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"I believe there will be more killing in Vietnam, but I don't think the Communists would have harmed the children.

Mrs. Cook has lived in Sonoma County for eight years. She said her father and several brothers live in Saigon, but she has not heard from them for three weeks.

She suggested that some Vietnamese mothers may have given up their children, fathered by Americans, because they could not support them. "It is not

that they do not love them. It is just too hard for them to make a living to keep them."

Mary Ebright, who works with the Friends of the Children of Vietnam, also spoke of mothers giving their children up for adoption.

She recently talked with some of the children at the Presidio building which has been turned into a nursery for the incoming orphans, and noted, "Some of the big children, eight and 12 years old, talk of returning. They say their mother or a grandmother told them they would some day be able to go back to Vietnam."

Lan Gretti has been in the

United States for only five weeks. She said her husband, an American, works for ITT in Saigon and that when the latest fighting erupted he insisted she leave the country.

"He told me it was better for me to get out while I could. But he is still there and now I worry about him getting out."

Her family is in Vietnam too. "They know about Communism and I know they want to leave. I wish the Americans could help or the Communists will take over. No Vietnamese wants that.

She said, "Yes, the Communists would kill the children."

Sau Wilson agreed the children are in danger and

calls Operation Babylift "a good thing." She said her brother, father and sister were living 100 miles outside Saigon the last she knew. "I worry about them," she said.

Sheraton Peterson left Vietnam in August after six

stay he worked at trying to know the Vietnamese.

He said, "The idea of Viet Cong murdering babies is ridiculous. The guerrillas have to have the support of the people and if they go in and murder babies, they won't have their support.

many times."

But he agrees that those children of mixed blood are better off out of Vietnam.

"If they stayed they would have to accept second class citizenship. They could never get any good jobs, like civil service positions.

Americans in S. Vietnam Will Be Protected--Ford

BY RUDY ABRAMSON

Times Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO—President Ford said Thursday that he has the authority to send American troops to South Vietnam if necessary to save the lives of American citizens endangered by advancing North Vietnamese or mutinous South Vietnamese troops.

"The President has certain limited authority (under the War Powers Act) to protect American lives," Mr. Ford said. "And to that extent, I will use the law."

While promising that he will fully abide by laws limiting his power to send troops into hostilities, Mr. Ford said that the Administration had developed "contingency plans to meet all problems involving evacuation."

"At this point," he told a press conference, "I do not believe that I should answer specifically how those contingency plans might be carried out."

About 7,000 American citizens are still in South Vietnam as North Vietnamese troops sweep southward.

Despite the catastrophic setbacks suffered by South Vietnamese forces, Mr. Ford refused to term the country lost and said he will continue pressing Congress to make an emergency appropriation of \$300 million or more in military aid for Saigon as well as increased humanitarian assistance.

For the most part, the questioning of the President was low key, and it elicited little new information on the Administration's thinking or its assessment of the current situation in South Vietnam.

The President was not asked to spell out what U.S. assurances to the Saigon government have kept the Administration working for military assistance in Congress in the face of resistance here and the rapid loss of

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ALL QUIET—A volunteer baby sitter holds an infant and keeps watch on other Vietnamese orphans sleeping on floor of a gymnasium in San Francisco's Presidio, where the arriving youngsters are processed. AP Wirephoto

Influx of South Vietnamese Waifs Stirs Concern for American Orphans

BY GREG WASKUL
Times Staff Writer

While plans are being made to bring as many as 25,000 South Vietnamese orphans to the United States for adoption, 50,000 black, Anglo and Mexican-American school-age children are living in orphanages and

the Viet Cong will do to these children, some of whom are obviously of mixed blood," he said. "These children are innocent victims of a tragic war. They are a part of our involvement there and we are partly responsible

ter on," Children's Home Society of America spokeswoman Charlotte De Armand said.

"We try to share with all families the need for adopting American children, but right now most families want a Vietnamese orphan. With most American orphans already of

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AN ORPHAN WHO ESCAPED BOTH WAR AND DISASTER
Nurse Myrna Fisher plays with tiny Than Nga in a Sacramento home

—AP Photo

Why bring them here?

By Raul Ramirez

In the midst of the excitement over the arrival of 52 Vietnamese orphans at Oakland International Airport Wednesday night, a young

done and have no one to care for them.

Why, a USF student asked Grant, is the United States government spending millions of dollars to get these

In recent years, small numbers of orphans have left Vietnam for adoption in the United States. Several adoption agency sources said the number already in

Orphan airlift is on



ONE OF THE ORPHANS WAITING IN VIETNAM
Mary Fisher holds baby at the Tan Son Nhut Airport

—AP Photo

An airliner carrying 57 Vietnamese orphans out of their war-ravaged homeland left Saigon for Oakland this morning.

The stretch-DC8 of World Airways was due in the East Bay about 11:15 p.m.

Doctors, nurses, translators, the Red Cross, the Army, adoption agencies and others mobilized to insure a safe and happy reception for the motherless and fatherless youngsters.

The flight came amid dramatic circumstances in chaotic Saigon.

Ed Daly, World Airways' flamboyant, pistol-packing president, pulled one of his company's two DC8s off the Cambodia airlift for the "Operation Orphan" flight.

He planned to bring 458 of the children — aged six months to four years — to adoptive parents in this country.

But mixups developed in the imperiled South Vietnam capital.

Officials announced early this morning that the flight was off.

The way the cargo-lift DC8 was fitted out made it unsafe for the babies, they ruled.

Daly was furious. "USAID screwed us up," he said, referring to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He claimed the turndown

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"Let there be spaces in your togetherness."

—Kahlil Gibran

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Orphan airlift, Saigon to Bay Area

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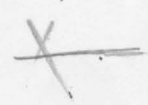
Daly Dispenses With Red Tape

WASHINGTON — Breathes there an American, with soul so dead, who hasn't to himself said, "Right on, Edward Daly!"

Daly is an anachronism, a throwback to those earlier Americans of animal spirits who were always trying preposterous things, like digging canals across New York, or building railroads across the Rockies. He may be mad as the Hatter, like Indochina, where his World Airways flies the unfriendly skies.

*Bethlehem Steel
April*

Don't talk him!!



Oakland airlift for 60 Viet orphans Viet orphan

An Oakland airline president's plan to fly some 500 Vietnamese orphans out of Saigon was curtailed sharply today.

A World Airways DC8-stretch jet carrying only 60 of the tiny passengers left the South Vietnam capital this morning, Associated Press reported.

The rest were left behind, according to Associated Press. The circumstances under which the plane was allowed to depart were not immediately clear.

Earlier U.S. and Saigon officials ordered the flight canceled, saying the plane was not equipped to carry passengers.

Ed Daly, World's flamboyant, pistol-packing president, said he was told the flight could not be made.

The furious Daly said "USAID screwed us up," referring to the U.S. Agency for International Development. He claimed the turn-

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These Vietnamese orphans, shown at Honolulu today, are en route to American homes

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down was "sheer retaliation" because he went against U.S. Embassy advice in flying refugees from Da Nang Saturday.

The takeoff had been scheduled for 2 a.m. today, Pacific time, from Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Airport.

"As late as 4:30 a.m., a World Airways official tele-typed from Saigon that the flight was still planned.

"But we haven't received

WITHOUT SAIGON CLEARANCE

Plane With 57 Orphans Makes Dash to Freedom

BY PETER ARNETT
AP Special Correspondent

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan—A plane carrying 57 orphaned Vietnamese babies to new homes in the United States made a dash for freedom from threatened Saigon without official clearance and reached Japan early today on the first stage of the 8,000-mile flight.

It was almost totally dark when we boarded the World Airways DC-8 jet because Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport was on full alert.

The babies, ages 3 months to 3 years and most all spoken for by new parents, were laid out on the blanket-covered cabin floor with a pillow for each. Some were chattering with excitement in Vietnamese. Others lay back with their eyes wide with wonder.



BEFORE FLIGHT — Edward J. Daly, World Airways chief, meets newsmen at Tan Son Nhut airport. AP Wirephoto

Within a few minutes of the orphans' boarding, a stewardess called from the rear of the cabin. "Any Pampers? It's diaper service time already for this one."

Ed Daly, the feisty, pistol-packing aerial wildcatter who heads the charter airline, went to lend a hand with the diapering—something he said he had not done in 25 years.

As the jet prepared to take off for the 25-hour flight to Oakland via Tokyo, the airport was closed down because of an anticipated Viet Cong at-

tack and all nonmilitary people were ordered off the base.

"Don't take off. Don't take off. You have no clearance," pilot Ken Healy said he was told by Tan Son Nhut airport tower.

Healy, who flew refugees out of mainland China in the late 1940s and

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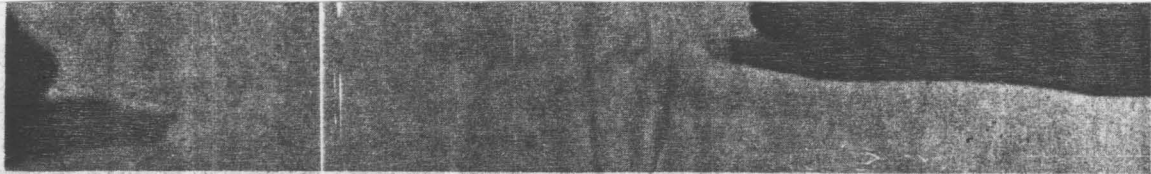
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It was the first time any had flown. Daly, who said he was saving for

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would fly out nearly 1,500 orphan babies because of the Communist-led





A small refugee alone at the end of an 8,000 mile flight to freedom.

FIRST FLIGHT FROM SAIGON

By Jim Rodgers

The grim specter of war stretched its tentacles across the Pacific Ocean to touch the Presidio Wednesday night as and working through the Agency for International Development, the Army had arranged to receive. feed and

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—Staff Photo by Joe Price Jr.

MRS. TOM MERIAM, Santa Rosa, holds her new daughter, Heather Chim, a four-month old Vietnamese baby who was flown from Saigon last week. The child was adopted through the Sonoma County chapter of Friends of the Children of Vietnam, a group working on the adoptions of Vietnam orphans.

Evacuation delay

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VIETNAMESE ORPHANS WRAPPED IN BLANKETS ABOARD WORLD AIRWAYS
The Plane Took Off in Defiance of Saigon Air Controllers

58 Viet orphans arrive

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Fifty-eight Vietnamese orphans, flown out of Saigon by a pilot who defied attempts to

Two of the orphans were transferred to a hospital for attention to minor ailments. Army personnel at the San

cargo jet whose pilot took off from Saigon in defiance of instruction from air controllers. The pilot said he thought it was

each other, tossing basketballs and playing games. They appeared cheerful. wellscrubbed and dressed in

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WITH OR WITHOUT AN OK

1,500 Viet Orphans to Be Flown to U.S., Australia

SAIGON (AP)—The charter airline president who got the last refugee plane in and out of Chuoi Da Nang said Tuesday he would fly nearly 1,500 orphaned Vietnamese infants to the United States and Australia for adoption with or without government permission.

"We're going to move out tomorrow," said Edward J. Daly, the tough-talking president of World Airways, a U.S. charter outfit that has been flying the rice run to Phnom Penh and refugee flights in Vietnam. "Let 'em stop us."

He said he planned to fly nearly 1,000 infants, most of them under 6 months old, to the United States in a DC-8 he was pulling from the rice airlift to Cambodia. Another batch of between 400 and 500 babies are to go to Australia in a Boeing 727. He said he would pay the cost of the two flights.

Daly, who carries a .38-caliber pistol while he is in Indochina, insisted neither government has given him permission to bring in the children, and that the Vietnamese government has yet to give him permission to take them out of the country.

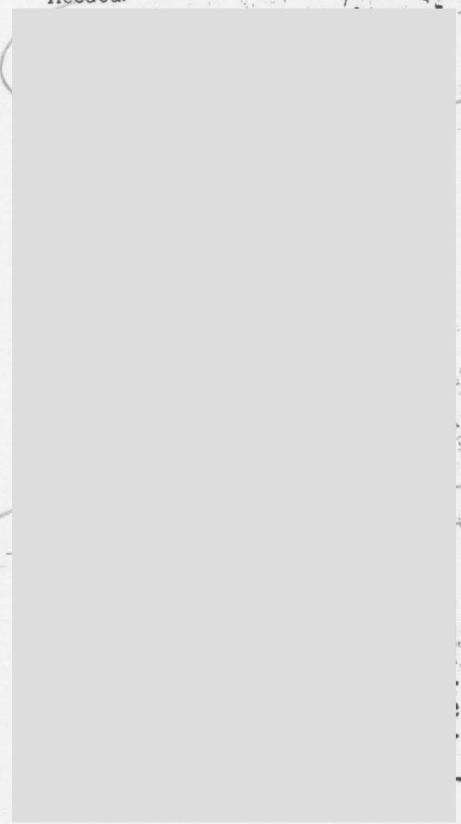
"Permission!" he said. "Do you think any government in the world would block these planes? I'll take it to the full United Nations General Assembly. I've been invited to the House and the Senate to give a report."

He said the government of South Vietnam had promised to grant the Daly laissez-passer papers but so far had not delivered.

Daly also said he received word late Tuesday that the Australian government had said it would not grant his aircraft landing rights in Sydney. But he plans to be aboard the flight to Sydney, adding, "If Daly

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is aboard, there's no further clearance needed."



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Daly's
Daughter



Calls for Thieu's Ouster Intensify

From Times Wire Services

SAIGON—The massive Communist military drive through northern and central South Vietnam came to a near-halt Thursday, but demands for the ouster of President Nguyen Van Thieu continued to intensify.

Saigon police fired shots into the air to disperse Catholic demonstrators demanding that Thieu be removed.

Saigon's Roman Catholic archbishop earlier called for an urgent change of leadership and senior Communist diplomats told newsmen the Viet Cong were prepared to stop fighting and open immediate negotiations if Thieu were removed from office.

Giving no details, a government spokesman said early today that Thieu had broken up a plot to overthrow him and some unnamed military officers had been arrested. He

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--Yes or No?

keep Nguyen Van Thieu supplied with tanks, planes and guns.