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War orphan flow to U.S. jeopardized

By James R. Hood

DENVER (AP) — Efforts to bring war orphans to the United States are being accelerated as the military situation deteriorates in South Vietnam.

"We have 200 to 300 families waiting for children. We're trying to get them out, but we don't know if we can make it," said Sally Bergner of Friends of Children of Vietnam.

"We don't know how much longer we can hold out."

MRS. BERGNER said food costs have risen 200 per cent at some Saigon orphanages in the last few days, creating a desperate shortage of funds.

Food supplies to the orphanages have been interrupted by the renewed fighting and thousands of refugees are pouring into Saigon, where many of the nation's 133 orphanages are located, she said.

The Denver-based Friends of Children organization has been ferrying about 10 orphans from Saigon to new homes in the United States each week for the past year, and hopes to accelerate the pace because of recent developments.

THE LATEST group of 10 children arrives in Los Angeles today.

"We just don't know how much longer we'll be able to operate in South Vietnam. We want to get as many children out as we possibly can," said Cheryl Markson, the group's executive director.

"One Saigon orphanage was swamped with 150 orphans who were brought down from Quang Nam last week," Mrs. Markson said. "They had no food, only the clothes on their backs, no fresh diapers."

The organization has operated in South Vietnam

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at least a partial cease-fire. To begin with, maybe I could convince them to talk about nothing but each other's french fries.

Peace seems far off, however. Even now, at stands in Norfolk, Va., and Dayton, Ohio, McDonald's is experimenting with a new weapon: chicken.

"Sales are very good," said one Norfolk manager. "Especially with our most popular plate, two pieces and fries." (Price: \$1.10.)

And Jack-in-the-Box isn't standing pat, either.

"We're coming out with a Super Taco," said Dick Williams, a company spokesman. "But I can't say any more about it."

Mathew Lambert, the McDonald's public relations chief, doesn't envision the enemy marching triumphantly through the Golden Arches.

"Any salesman knows that when he's giving a prospective customer his pitch, his main advantage is that his competition isn't there with him," Lambert said. "By mentioning us in their ads, Jack-in-the-Box loses that advantage."

Does McDonald's plan to retaliate by constructing a Super Taco of its own?

"Tacos?" asked Lambert, pronouncing the word as if it were spelled "tackos." "No, we have no plans to sell tacos."

Jack-in-the-Box isn't the only force looming on the horizon.

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GM's Special Layoff Fund Will Run Out This Month

BY DAN FISHER
Times Auto Writer

General Motors Corp. said Friday that special unemployment benefits which have cushioned the financial impact of layoffs for tens of thousands of its employees will cease at the end of this month, at least two weeks earlier than had been predicted.

The auto maker said a special fund set aside under contracts with the United Auto Workers union will go dry at that time, affecting 70,000 employees nationally and 1,100 at its Van Nuys plant. Those employees, who have been receiving almost 95% of their normal take-home pay despite being laid off, will then have to rely solely on state unemployment benefits.

Affected Van Nuys employees, for example, have been collecting between \$66 and \$97 weekly from the fund (depending on their wage rate) to supplement \$90 a week in state unemployment benefits. With the

place in the final resolutions of the four-day meeting, but the conference in effect institutionalized two levels of dialogue.

—Contacts between leaders of Tanzania and Zambia with South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

—Attempts of the Rhodesian nationalist leader, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, to reach a peaceful settlement with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith.

Hardline Hawks had started the meeting demanding intensified guerrilla warfare against white rule and calling for no dialogue and no detente. Two things helped swing victory to the Doves:

Zambian Foreign Minister Vernon Mwaanga disclosed that South Africa had agreed to withdraw its 3,000 policemen from Rhodesia by the end of May—a concession Vorster apparently gave to Mwaanga to strengthen the moderates' hand.

And Samora Machel, who led Frelimo guerrillas to victory over the Portuguese in Mozambique, said that it should be up to Muzorewa's African National Council to call the shots in Rhodesia. The bishop gives priority to peaceful means.

The rhetoric moderated as the talks wore on, although even the Doves reiterated the need to arm for more fighting in case peace moves fail.

Those most in favor of detente were those closest to the fighting. The Hawks were from farther away. Some, scoffed Mwaanga, want a "microphone revolution based on making

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Nyerere's position that "a neighboring leader" can "act for Africa" in contacts with white ruled Africa, and that the problems there are separate.

Ending the "colonial situation" in Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa). (Smith's white government has refused to relinquish control of Rhodesia to majority rule and South Africa administers the former U.N. mandate of South-West Africa.)

—An end to racial discrimination in South Africa.

The moderate tone of the dove-dominated meeting is expected to encourage further steps in the tentative progress toward detente.

Talks on constitutional changes that could lead to majority rule in Rhodesia were halted last month when Rhodesia arrested the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, leader of the

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situation of the South Vietnamese army.

For Xuan Loc though 40 miles northeast of Saigon is the headquarters of the 18th Infantry Division—which has the responsibility for guarding all the eastern approaches to the South Vietnamese capital.

And at the moment North Vietnamese troops have cut the main highway leading both in and out of Xuan Loc—so that supplies and troop reinforcements cannot reach the key crossroads town.

As we watched, a battalion of rangers moved out to try to surround a small village which the North Vietnamese had occupied, thus cutting the highway.

Behind them was another battalion of Regional Force troops. And behind them, being airlifted by helicopter into the area, were the crack troops

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AFTER THE EXPLOSION—The Catalina cruise ship Carib Star lies in mud at its Los Angeles Harbor berth under Vincent Thomas Bridge. Coast Guard investigators said they had "reason to suspect" that a bomb caused the blast that sank the \$2.5 million craft Thursday night.

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Times photo by John Malmin

fall of Saigon is not considered imminent and they are under strict orders not to discuss any evacuation contingencies for fear of further demoralizing the South Vietnamese.

The situation in Phnom Penh, however, plainly is well past that

working at the U.S. Embassy probably would be high on the list. Beyond that, the potential number in danger of Communist reprisals could grow into the thousands.

It also was unclear whether ma-

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ANALYSIS OF AID MESSAGE

Ford Seen Giving Up on S. Vietnam Despite Plea

BY RUDY ABRAMSON
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Despite the President's plea for another \$722 million in emergency military assistance, the Ford Administration virtually has given up on South Vietnam and now looks hopefully toward negotiations that undoubtedly would amount to a surrender by the Saigon government.

The overwhelming interest of the United States now is to rescue the remaining Americans from the country, under conditions, it is hoped, that would not require covering gunfire by U.S. marines and jet fighters.

Two messages were conveyed to the country by the Ford Administration Thursday night: one by the President, for the record, for the South Vietnamese and for a world audience, the other in more stark terms by Administration officials filling in the

blanks between the lines.

The President offered the aid request in the certain knowledge that Congress would reject it but hoping that the gesture would provide a psychological lift to the South Vietnamese, and keep them fighting until the Americans, and perhaps their Vietnamese employees, can be evacuated.

At times, Administration officials seemed on the verge of conceding that it was all over for the Saigon government, that the United States is now interested in saving Americans and in saving face.

"Once the decision (to reject Mr. Ford's request for added military aid) is made," they said, "it will not be used to start a national debate on who lost, who was responsible.

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Parents of War Orphans Warned of Traumas Ahead

BY LORRAINE BENNETT
Times Staff Writer

American families who have opened their homes to the orphans of South Vietnam may be unaware of mental traumas that lie ahead for them and the children.

This warning comes from Dr. Jean Carlin, who served twice in Southeast Asia with Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam, an effort financed by U.S. Agency for International Development and directed by the American Medical Assn. Carlin is executive associate dean of the college of medicine at the University of California, Irvine.

She is concerned about the psychological health of the orphans and wants to share her concern with new parents and family doctors who will be treating the children.

As a psychiatrist Carlin is on the staff of Fairview State Hospital in Costa Mesa, she is concerned over the publicized intention of many

American families to give their adopted children new names.

"Any child over six or eight months of age will have learned to recognize his or her name to some degree," she said. "one's name is his identity.

"These children were suddenly transported from Vietnam in an airplane which in their previous experience only meant destruction, fear or hurt to them.

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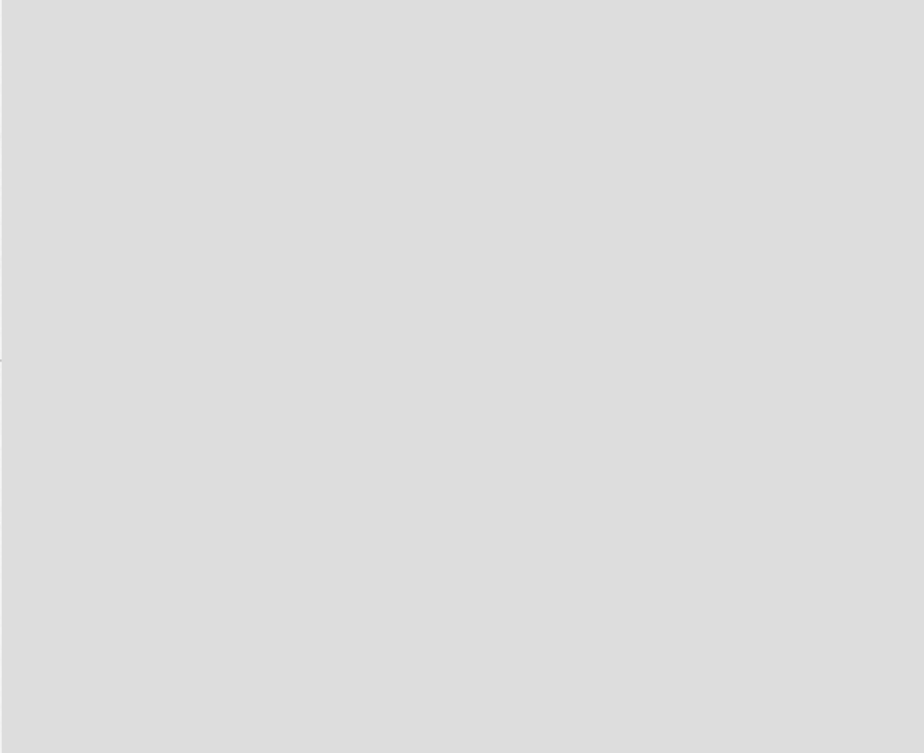
THE WEATHER

National Weather Service forecast: Partly cloudy with a chance of a few light showers this morning. Decreasing cloudiness this afternoon and fair tonight and Sunday. Highs today near 65. High Friday 62; low, 50.

Complete weather information and smog report in Part 1, Page 24.

Abduction Charged In Babylift Suit

Many of the children flown here from Vietnam are not actually orphans and were abducted" against their will, neys Dennis Roberts and Neil Gotanda as defendants were Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Secretary of



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'On a guilt trip'

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The group of congressmen, eager to expand the airlift of Vietnamese orphans to the United States and anxious to hear from a Vietnamese spokesman, grew silent when a slight Vietnamese woman in her 20s stood up to speak.

"You're all on a guilt trip," said Nguyen Thi Ngoc Thoa in a calm voice. "Where were you two

Agencies protest babylift

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — The California Association of Adoption Agencies Saturday strongly criticized the babylift.



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 foster homes across the nation, waiting and hoping for adoption.

Legislation has been introduced in Congress that would allow 25,000 South Vietnamese orphans to become American citizens overnight if adoptive parents can be found for them.

But opponents of the massive airlift program which is bringing a stream of orphans to this country claim that the program is not in the best interests of the orphans involved.

Adoption agencies throughout the nation are being swamped with calls from persons who want South Vietnamese orphans.

However, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a Quaker service group, stated that the airlifts violate the cultural traditions of the Vietnamese.

"The Vietnamese practice is for children who have lost one or both parents to be cared for by relatives or close friends," AFSC Executive Secretary Arthur Mack said.

Mack said the war has forced many poor Vietnamese and single mothers to place their children in orphanages to save them from starvation. He said the "orphans" are then airlifted to the United States without the consent of their parents. "Even if parents do consent, it is a tragedy," he said.

"Putting massive funds into feeding these kids and keeping them with their friends and relatives is a better solution than bringing them here," AFSC Indochina Secretary Dot Weller said.

"We think only two types of children should be flown out of South Vietnam—children of a mixed GI heritage, or those who are physically handicapped and have no chance of survival in South Vietnam.

"Our position makes us come across as real heavies," she said. "We're trying to do what is best for the Vietnamese child. We think that America might not be the best place for these children to grow up. Not only do they need an extended family, but children are needed for economic reasons on the farms of Vietnam as well."

U.S. Sen. Robert Packwood (R-Ore.) disagreed. "I'm chilled to think what

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 for them."

Packwood introduced two bills in the Senate Monday that would grant immediate citizenship to Vietnamese orphans upon adoption and allow adoption of all Vietnamese orphans who had one parent who was an American citizen at the time of the child's birth.

The number of "Amerasian" children in South Vietnam has been put at approximately 25,000. All would be eligible for American citizenship under the Packwood bill.

"These orphans are utterly helpless. They have no one to fight for them and no future to speak of," Packwood said.

Besides causing problems for adoption agencies by their sheer number, there is increasing speculation regarding the long-range effects of the massive arrival of South Vietnamese orphans.

"I don't think any adoption agency in the state would like to see families that are available for American children drained off to adopt children from another country. But when they start bringing in these kids, the situation changes," said Marcia Gedanken, state Department of Health Adoption Services Section district supervisor.

"Some people who would normally take California kids have taken South Vietnamese children," she said. "One of the reasons is that they can probably adopt a young Vietnamese child," whereas only older children are available in California.

"People are motivated to adopt the Vietnamese children by a sudden surge of emotion or pity. We have to make sure that their real motivation is strong enough to sustain them for the next 20 years," she said. "With all of our intense feelings about Vietnam, some people will rush to adopt a Vietnamese orphan when they really don't understand the full ramifications of their actions."

However, South Vietnamese orphans also have kindled interest in adoption that has not been present for years. "Our hope is that out of response to Vietnamese children, many families will become a reservoir for the adoption of American children la-

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 school age, many families shy away in favor of a younger foreign child," she said.

"But many who are responding to the needs of the Vietnamese children are unaware of the problems they may have later on. The best parents for these orphans are those who have parented their own children—people who have had the experience of raising a child," she said.

One reason for the interest in Vietnamese children is that persons must wait between 3 and 5 years to adopt an American infant, but Vietnamese babies are available immediately.

Many experts thought the South Vietnamese adoption rush would have a detrimental effect on the adoption picture for American children, but a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Adoptions Department said the airlifts were a positive factor.

"It definitely will help our adoption system in Los Angeles," she said. "I think many people who have only recently begun to think about adoption will seriously consider taking an American child if we cannot accommodate them with the Vietnamese child they want."

But De Armand said another major problem with the South Vietnamese orphans is that they will compete with American children for adoption by the same select group of families.

"These are special families," she said. "They can give openly to a child that has been emotionally neglected and emotionally abused. The only reason a Vietnamese child or older American child is available is that something has gone wrong. He has already been betrayed."

A further complication for older American children is that they have often been through dozens of foster homes. This makes it even more difficult on adoptive families. "After the initial honeymoon period, these children begin testing their new family. The family can expect to go a year or two without love or response from the child," De Armand said.

"If they can get through that peri-

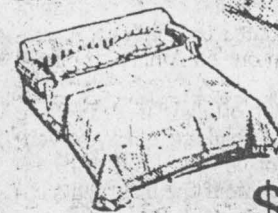
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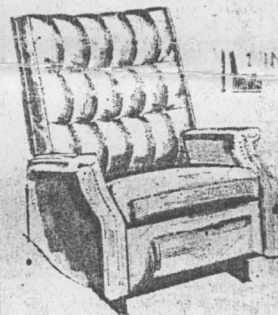
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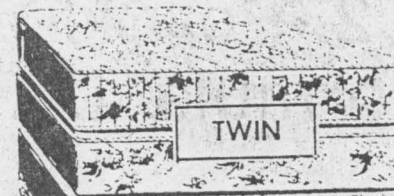


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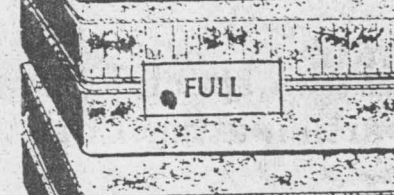
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The Viet orphan controversy

THE EMERGENCY AIRLIFT of several hundred Vietnamese orphans to the United States has not only touched millions of Americans emotionally, it has also stirred controversy including anger and bitterness. Much of the latter has been ill-founded and unnecessary.

Many people seem to have the notion that these children were almost literally snatched off the streets of Saigon and rushed aboard American-bound planes to save them from on-rushing Communist hordes.

ON THE CONTRARY, virtually all of the children were long ago adopted by American foster parents through the orderly processes of American service agencies in the U.S. and in South Vietnam. The children were being cared for in regulated, American-operated orphanages in the Saigon area.

Had the South Vietnamese army continued to stand off its foe, the children would have been brought to the U.S. in small groups or individually from time to time, virtually unnoticed. The unexpected collapse of the South Vietnamese resistance changed all that, resulting in the telescoping of schedules and rapid airlifting of the orphans in large numbers under highly emotional and newsworthy circumstances.

THIS FACTUAL BACKGROUND largely invalidates the charge by some Vietnamese that the orphanage airlift is a guilt trip for Americans, and a similar charge by a group of Bay Area theologians that the whole business is an immoral effort to salve American consciences.

The American couples who sought and adopted these children long before the South Vietnamese military collapse are a special breed of compassionate people. They are not trying to expiate any real or imaginary sins of their own or anybody else.

THERE'S A MEASURE of validity to the assertion, made by the theologians among others, that the orphans would be better off reared in their own ethnic cultures, even under communism, than they will be in the alien American culture. But the point is debatable and certainly

April 9, 1975



AN ORPHAN HOLDS A MYSTERY GIFT—IT'S IN THE BOX
One of the orphans who found warm hearts waiting for her at the Presidio
—Examiner photo by Bob Palmer

Furor over orphans

April 9, 1975

By RICHARD FLASTE
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The airlift of children from South Vietnam, begun last week with a sense of urgency and compassion, has left in its wake bitter argument over whether taking children from their homeland is an appropriate or necessary way to deal with a crisis.

Those who have always opposed foreign adoption because they see it depleting nations of their children are angrier than ever. At the same time, some who might defend foreign adoption under other circumstances are saddened and perplexed by what they describe as waste and disorganization in this operation.

Some of the most impassioned opposition has come from a number of Vietnamese in the United States. For instance, Pham Thanh, an 18-year-old high school student in Berkeley, Calif., brought to this country after he was wounded, is deeply insulted by the airlift.

"Vietnamese love their children," he said, "and will take care of them no matter who is in power next." The youth, who hopes to return after the war "to help in the rebuilding," said the airlift was "robbing his country."

A number of theologians, too, have expressed outrage. George W. Webber, an antiwar activist who heads the New York Theological Seminary, said he was "infuriated by the airlift."

"The idea that it's to save children's lives angers me," he said. "It's the desire of families in this country who want children badly that has led to the airlift—not the likely death of the children, because that's unlikely." He, like other crit-

A spokesman for the Holt Adoption program of Eugene, Ore., which as of Monday had been responsible for 400 of the nearly 2,000 children sent here and which hoped to bring over at least 40 more, said: "We don't rush into these things. We have a staff of 100 in Saigon who've been working with these chil-

'American arrogance' in Babylift

By Bob Greene
Chicago Sun-Times

The so-called Operation Babylift out of Vietnam is being hailed as a wonderful and noble gesture on the part of the United States. It is not. Instead, it is an appalling continuation of the overwhelming American arrogance that has made Vietnam a tragedy for our country from the day we arrived there.

It is easy to get good press when you can use babies as props. But before this goes too far, it is time to stop and admit the real thinking that lies behind the taking of babies out of Asia: the theory that the American way of life is the only good way of life, and that we are doing the Vietnamese a favor by allowing them to try to be like us.

We went over there to win hearts and minds. We failed miserably. Now it seems that every person in Southeast Asia who is old enough to talk is busy proclaiming hatred for the United States. So what do we do? Still refusing to learn, we start grabbing the only Asians who are too young to talk back to us, and we bring them over here and announce plans to make them American citizens.

We are not merely taking the babies to a safe zone until the threat of bombing is over. We are picking them up out of their homeland, and flying them half-way around the world to our own country, where we have determined that their new home should be.

It is a very easy and con-

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Asian babies out of Asia, but our own country protested, and so the flights were resumed. Will no one stop to ask what right we have to be doing this? Will no one stop to wonder how we are so sure that a Vietnamese child will be happier growing up in Illinois or Alabama than in Vietnam.

The news film has shown Vietnamese foster mothers weeping as planeloads of the babies lift off from Saigon. Can anyone blame the foster mothers? Our country is still so smugly confident that it knows best, that it has all of the answers to the mysteries of life in Southeast Asia.

We have been proven wrong again and again and again, and yet we will now blame the Vietnamese if they declare Operation Babylift to be nothing more than a kidnaping.

It is not our right to determine that the Vietnamese children will be happier as Americans.

The unspoken thought behind the taking of the children from their homeland is that we are saving them from a life growing up under communism. But are we so certain that a Vietnamese child will be less able to adjust to a North Vietnamese government than to a foreign life in the United States?

The war is a civil war, and there is no reason to believe that, in its aftermath, North Vietnamese soldiers would do purposeful harm to Vietnamese infants. My Lai was an American atrocity, not a Communist atrocity.

But we will not listen, of course. Instead we will bring planeload after planeload of Vietnamese children to the United States. They

The TV crews hang on, until time runs out

By KAY GARDELLA
Globe-Democrat New York News Service

NEW YORK — As provinces and cities fall daily to the North Vietnamese, the question arises: When will our television set go black? When will the news correspondents, cameramen and technicians be pulled out of the line of fire and flown to safety? When will the

Koreans in their news gathering operation.

Actually the men have little protection. Dan Oliver, one NBC correspondent, caught the last plane out of Nha Trang. As he did he was spat on by one South Vietnamese and called "dirty American." And, according to Fischer, there has been a "total lack of communication from the Saigon govern-

Hanoi displays Du .

Agence France-Presse

HANOI — South Vietnam-ese soldiers in Da Nang, now under Communist control, have found a new way to they stick their

advancing tanks. Not all armor was of Soviet or Chinese origin. There were pictures of captured American-made M-48 tanks festooned with clusters of Communist soldiers as well as driven

Coalition Running Da Nang?

New York Times News Service

SAIGON — Communist forces in Da Nang have announced that the city is

Da Nang radio reportedly described life in the city, asserting that it had returned to normal, and asking the population to remain calm.

The defense of Da Nang collapsed Sunday, and the North Vietnamese army moved immediately into the city with no fighting reported anywhere.

The Communist-controlled transmitter said that

Washington Star-News
April 2, 1975

Thieu Is Forming New S. Viet Cabinet

SAIGON — (UPI) — President Nguyen Van Thieu ordered formation of a new government Friday to fight the Communists. He said the United States must honor its pledges of aid

address that broke a two-week silence on the massive Communist gains, he said, "We now need to see whether America will meet its commitments to South Vietnam."

THIEU SAID he could not accept a coalition with the Communists

Saigon cabinet quits; Thieu calls for war government

4-5-75

By Associated Press

SAIGON — Faced with heightened uncertainty and crisis, South Vietnam's premier and cabinet resigned Friday and President Nguyen Van Thieu ordered formation of a "war government, one that will not ask to surrender to the Communists."

At another point in his hour-long

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NOT AN OFFENSIVE

Mr. Schlesinger endorsed the estimate that, in the retreat from the north, Saigon's forces had lost upward of \$1-billion in military equipment, including several hundred airplanes and helicopters. Many of the aircraft, he pointed out, were not in flying condition for lack of spare parts and maintenance.

'Little Major Fighting'

The Defense Secretary suggested that it was erroneous to describe North Vietnam's military actions thus far as "an offensive." Noting that there had been "relatively little major fighting" thus far, he said that it had been the broad withdrawals of the South Vietnamese forces, which at one point he described as "a near debacle," that had created openings for the North Vietnamese forces.

NY Times 4/3/75

The Evening Bulletin Thursday, April 3, 1975

Vietnam Not Blitzed

Coastal Drive Merely Shifted Forces

Bulletin Wire Services

Washington — The image has been created in many minds of a blitz of Communist tank columns racing Highway 1 from Da Nang to Qui Nhon to Nha



U.S. Asia Experts Asked Ban on More Arms Aid

One hundred and thirty specialists on Southeast Asia, at the annual meeting of the Asso-

NY Times 4/3/75

It Is Finished

"I can only tell you my emotional reaction, getting into that country. If I could have found the military or State Department leader who has been the architect of this policy, my instinct would be to string him up. . . . What they have done to the country is greater evil than we have done to any country in the world."

—Representative Paul McCloskey, testifying after his recent visit to Cambodia.

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON, April 2—The images from Indochina assail us with their misery and horror. The ones from Phnom Penh are in a way the hardest to bear: Those children are starving because of an American blunder—recent, utterly avoidable and prolonged in the teeth of reason.

The American intervention in Vietnam may be explained in terms of the assumptions of another era. For Cambodia there is no excuse. It was wanton cruelty, reckless and useless.

Unlike Vietnam, it is relatively easy to trace the American involvement in Cambodia. The crucial decisions were made in 1970 by Richard Nixon, with the advice and support of Henry Kissinger. They led inexorably, predictably, to tragedy—death and destruction for Cambodia, moral and political disaster for the United States.

Until 1970 Prince Sihanouk had kept Cambodia relatively peaceful by an intricate neutralist game. He turned a blind eye to Vietnamese Communist use of his eastern provinces, then to American bombing of those areas. His policy was untidy, but it worked.

doubter of showing "the cowardice of the Eastern Establishment."

Five members of Mr. Kissinger's own staff warned that a Cambodian operation would enlarge the war without benefit to the U. S. Three resigned: Anthony Lake, Roger Morris, William Watts. They went quietly because, as Mr. Lake explained recently, "We were very concerned about damaging Kissinger. Then they put a tap on my telephone, which shows how much they were impressed by our scruples."

Mr. Nixon told the world it would be only a brief and limited "incursion," to clean out the Communist areas. Mr. Kissinger said the same thing to the White House staff. William Safire's book, "Before the Fall," describes a meeting at which the staff was given a National Security Council paper saying, "This is not a long-term 'quick-sand' operation that would lead to a new 'Vietnam situation' in Cambodia."

But it did. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kissinger, having said they would not intervene on Lon Nol's behalf in the Cambodian dispute, soon did just that.

ABROAD AT HOME

Before long B-52's were bombing all of Cambodia. In five years, the United States sent \$2 billion in aid to Lon Nol.

The results were exactly as the dissenters on the Kissinger staff had predicted: a wider war, increasing Cambodian opposition to Lon Nol, destruction of the countryside, finally a Communist instead of a neutralist Cambodia.

The end has been inevitable for a long time, but the Administration pre-

PEACE-TALK OFFER

Vietcong Aides in Paris Seek Parley With a New Regime

By FLORA LEWIS

Special to The New York Times

PARIS, April 2—Vietcong officials issued a series of statements here today calling for an uprising against the Saigon

Seven-Point Statement

One of the Vietcong statements distributed here was a seven-point policy declaration calling on all South Vietnamese to join the Vietcong cause. While the statement made no threats against those who refused to join, neither did it offer a general amnesty similar to one proposed by the Cambodian insurgents.

Dinh Ba Thi, the chief Vietcong delegate here, said in answer to a question that members of the "third force" were being given positions of responsibility in areas taken

Thieu.

Neither Mrs. Binh nor Mr. Thi was willing to answer questions about whether Communist forces intended to storm Saigon.

Each time the question was put in one form or another, the answer was:

"We are obliged to use force until the United States understands that it must stop military support for the Thieu clique and interference in the affairs of South Vietnam, and gives full application to the Paris accords."

Mr. Thi gave a news conference a few hours before Mrs. Binh's arrival. He read a statement saying that the Commu-

spect and mutual nonelimination to set up a National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord of three equal segments. The council shall operate on the principle of unanimity.

"The National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord will organize free and democratic general elections and decide the procedures and modalities of these general elections. The institutions for which the general elections are to be held will be agreed upon through consultations between the two South Vietnamese parties."

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RECONCILIATION IS POSSIBLE

At the same time, a broadcast from the far northern coastal city of Da Nang announced that the port was be-

Standard representing the National Force of Reconciliation and Concord and flanking it, smaller flags representing the

here, based on reports from Western news agencies with correspondents based in Hanoi, that Communist forces may not

The claim came from the Vietcong's military delegation to the Joint Military Commission at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut

radio at Da Nang, the official said, reported that houses throughout the city were flying three flags—one large central

saying he was "alive and well and now working with the comrades."

There has been speculation

and several other areas under their control and that nearly 100 Government workers and officers had joined their side.

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Saigon Tots Sample U.S. Delights

By Peter Arnett

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Their eyes wide with wonder after a 25-hour airplane dash across the Pacific from endangered Saigon, 58 Vietnamese orphans today got their first taste of American life, playing

rice and soy sauce after arriving at the Presidio.

Two of the four children hospitalized may have pneumonia, one became feverish and another had draining from body sores, Dr. Gary Feldman said.

When they woke up today, the children went wheeling around on tricycles, tossing rubber balls and bas-

would be there about 48 hours until they are picked up by their new parents. Most of them, including some fathered by American servicemen, have already been adopted.

Also aboard the jet were a half dozen Vietnamese adults who scrambled aboard the plane at the last



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Daly's Airlift Saves Orphans



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WORLD AIRWAYS' PRESIDENT ED DALY AT SAIGON CONFERENCE
In beret and bandages, he tells of dramatic airlift of Vietnam orphans

Hundreds Still Remain Stranded in Vietnam

A World Airways DC8 jet with 57 Vietnamese orphan babies left Saigon for Oakland today, but more than 500 others who were to have made the trip to safety were held back.

Airline president Ed Daly said the South Vietnamese government had approved the evacuation of up to 700 orphans, but that the U.S. Embassy blocked their departure, claiming his plane was not safe. The embassy denied the allegation.

The plane was expected to reach Oakland about 11:45 p.m. today after refueling stops at Yokota air base in Japan and Honolulu.

World Airways headquarters in Oakland confirmed today the plane had left and said it carried 57 children and 20 adults.

The wire services said most of the babies Daly rounded up were from orphanages run by the Seventh Day Adventists and a group called World Vision.

An official at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Oakland, which had been asked by adoptive agencies Monday to provide doctors and nurses for up to 600 babies, said the hospital was preparing to care for the children airlifted today, no matter how many arrive.

Although final plans had not been made, it was expected the children would be taken from the World Airways facility at Oakland International Airport

to temporary quarters at San Francisco's Presidio.

Earlier today Daly held a bitter press conference in Saigon.

"USAID screwed us up," he declared in a news conference at Tan Son Nhut airport, referring to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Daly's plan to fly several hundred more orphans to safety in Australia was canceled earlier because of Australian government reservations about the project. Dispatches from Canberra said Prime Minister Gough Whitlam has given preliminary approval to an alternate plan to use Royal Australian Air Force planes to bring from Saigon about 130 orphans whose adoption by Australian families already had been arranged.

Reliable sources in Australia said the RAAF had sent six C-130 transports and a C-47 to South Vietnam, and probably would evacuate the 130 babies bound for Australia and another 70 on their way to Europe tomorrow.

Unshaven and wearing a green beret and a gray safari suit, Daly told correspondents in Saigon today USAID officials had told the relief organizations from whose orphanages he was going to take the children that his planes were unsafe.

"This is obviously because of our defiance last Saturday in flying into Da Nang to remove 350 refugees," he said.

"This is sheer retaliation by the U.S. Embassy."

The flamboyant 52-year-old airline president from Oakland said he had the approval of the South Vietnamese government to fly the children out.

The U.S. Embassy had advised against Saturday's Da Nang flight by one of World's two 727 jets in Vietnam. At Da Nang, rioting South Vietnamese troops fought their way past civilian refugees to get on the plane. One who didn't make it threw a hand grenade that damaged the rear end of the aircraft as it was taking off, and several soldiers were killed when they tried to hang on to the wheels.

But an official of World Airways in Oakland said today that Daly had not planned to use the damaged plane in the children's airlift. He said 500 orphans were to have been flown to Oakland tonight on a DC8 via Tokyo and Honolulu, and that another 200 were scheduled to be taken to Seattle.

"My God," the spokesman said, "we've got airplanes all over the place. We wouldn't lift any airplane off the ground unless it was in 100 per cent good shape. We've got two DC8's out there, and they're in perfect condition."

The U.S. Embassy denied Daly's allegations, saying it had not received any inquiries from Friends for All Children, the orphan relief agency based in Boulder, Colo., through which Daly was to collect the children.

"He was planning to use a DC8 cargo plane without seats, little cabin heating, no toilets and no personal safety equipment," a spokesman said.

The embassy said the organization decided after looking at Daly's planes that there were "adequate alternative ways to transport children from Vietnam to safety." Officials of the agency in Colorado were unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile in New York, Pan American World Airways, which has twice-weekly flights from Saigon to the United States, said it was prepared to help in the evacuation of orphans and other refugees if it is requested.

Reached by The Tribune in Saigon early today, Daly expressed determination to leave with the orphans—with or without sanction by any government.

"We got an airplane. We got crew members, doctors, nurses and the old bastard himself. That's all the clearance we need. We don't need to kiss any asses to get clearance," he said.

Margaret Moses, who has been helping Daly in getting the children ready for the flight, said they were rounded up by Friends for All Children from Vietnam orphanages.

Miss Moses, who is from Tasmania, a state of Australia, said Friends for All Children "is a salvage operation for physically and socially handicapped children" from the Vietnam orphanages.

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Burocracy vs. the orphans

We now have our own private, unforgettable definition of what is meant by the words "government burocracy." It is the American and Vietnamese officials in Saigon who blocked the airlift rescue of 400 Vietnamese orphans because the flight might be unsafe.

when U.S. officials told the group that Mr. Daly's cargo jet did not meet safety specifications—it lacked seats.

World Airways did manage to fly 50 children out of Saigon—by ignoring orders from the control tower. Said pilot Ken Healy with a smile, "I just didn't

VIETS CRY 'STOP'

Mr. ED

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LIFTS OUT WAR BABES

From PETER ARNETT, the only journalist on the baby plane.

TOKYO, Today, AAP. — World Airway's chief, Ed Daly, flew out 57 Vietnamese babies from Saigon last night, despite attempts to stop his plane.

As the DC8 jet prepared to take off, the control tower at Tan Son Nhut airport ordered pilot Ken Healy:

"Don't take off, don't take off, you have no clearance."

Healy, who had flown refugees out of China in the late 1940s, later smiled and said: "I just didn't get the message in time."

Full alert

The babies, aged three months to three years — all from the orphanages in Saigon — were loaded on to the plane in almost total darkness because Tan Son Nhut airport was on full alert. I was on the unique flight.

They were laid out on the blanketed cabin floor, with a pillow for each. Some were chattering with excitement in Vietnamese. Others lay back with their eyes wide with wonder.

Mrs Fisher said the Norbergs probably were not aware that their adopted daughter was out of Saigon.

According to Herald man Bob MacDonald, San Francisco has rolled out the red carpet and rolled in the red tape for the war babies.

Customs and Immigration formalities have been swept under the



• Ed Daly, president of World Airways, tells newsmen at Saigon of the difficulties of evacuating orphans.



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Ed Daly --- He's a Believer

BY SAM JAMESON
Times Staff Writer

SAIGON—Pistol packin' and dollar-totin' Ed Daly, 53-year-old president of World Airways, left Saigon Wednesday—and nearly everyone was happy.

Officials of the Friends of the Children of Vietnam orphanage were overjoyed. They rushed 57 orphans to a darkened Tan Son Nhut airport minutes before Daly was ordered to

board after they were bumped off a China Air Lines flight filled with Chinese residents of Cholon, Saigon's sister city, fleeing Vietnam.

Standing near an airport gate Daly yelled impatiently to his senior vice president.

"Cooke! Where are cigarets?" The vice president hurried over, put a cigaret into his own mouth, lit it and then handed it to his boss. Daly started puffing.

Daly then ordered his patched-

sas came through by noon, Moses said.

Daly received the news in his hotel suite—a beehive of activity as aides, company vice presidents and airline stewardesses answered two telephones, bandaged Daly's right hand injured in the mob rush of his plane at Da Nang Saturday, and helped the president put on his boots.

Moses talked to a radio station interviewer in Oakland on the phone in the bedroom while Daly strapped on

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Guy Wright

About the orphans

MR. WRIGHT: I noted with interest your column, "Orphan at the Well," with reference to the denunciation by the Vatican and the National Council of Churches of the airlift of Vietnamese orphans. I had just mailed my outcry at the situation to Monsignor Granger and in effect told him to get out and see what it was about before making such statements. — Mrs. Elenore A. Price.

hunger. I wonder if they've ever had scabies or worn rags for clothing. I wonder how often they've feared for their lives in the middle of a war. As for the babylift being a guilt trip, they had better think again. We lost thousands of young men in Vietnam. The Russians and Chinese don't feel guilty about supplying Hanoi with guns and rockets. But we are called sinners for trying to save a few kids. Personally, I see it as a

Montagnard orphan flight lands here

By DAVID TONG
Advertiser Staff Writer

Operation Babylift continued yesterday when another group of orphans — mostly Montagnards arrived at Hickam Air Force Base for an overnight stay before going on to the Mainland.

The haggard, shy children who varied in age were greeted by smiling military-based service women



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Some orphans got medical checks here.



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'Babylift' Publicizes His Style

By BARBARA ISENBERG
OAKLAND, Calif. — Millions of Americans watching television coverage of World Airways' chaotic, bloody and unauthorized airlift out of Da Nang a few weeks ago probably saw film clips of the airline's 52-year-old president and chairman Edward J. Daly kicking and slugging at soldiers storming the plane. By the time that last plane from Da Nang finally took

Daly's World: *Ego, Orphans and Profits*

Edward J. Daly, President, Chairman, World Airways, Inc.



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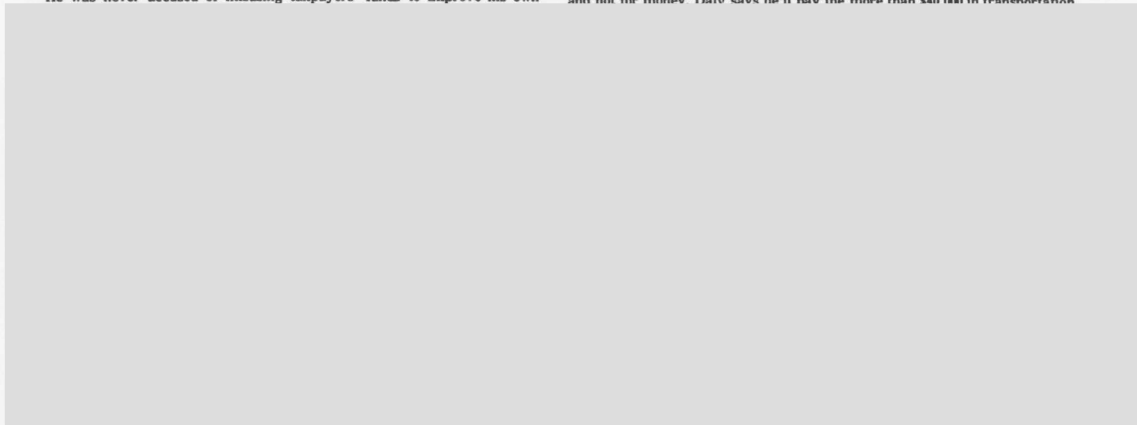
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Like Alexander, They Cut Knots

Some people are bigger than life, or they act like it anyway. One such person was the late — and we think, great — Pinellas County Commissioner Jim Shoecraft. He was a soft touch for ordering county road crews and equipment to cut backwoods roads and drainage ditches to some poor persons' homes off county roads. He was never accused of misusing taxpayers' funds to improve his own

WHEN ORDERED by control tower officials at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport not to take off, the intrepid Americans did anyway and escaped a threatened Viet Cong attack.

Had the DC8 crashed and the children perished — and had Daly and Healy survived — they would perhaps be ruined. They knew this, but took all the risks, and not for money. Daly says he'll pay the more than \$40,000 in transportation



nealy, rejected opposition about the safety of their aircraft, and flew the first shipment of 57 orphans from Saigon to the U.S. for adoption.

PAUL MITCHELL
Editor

Tribune Editorial

To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe...

After a decade and a half of that dreary war in Southeast Asia, we needed something uplifting to show for history that we did something right there

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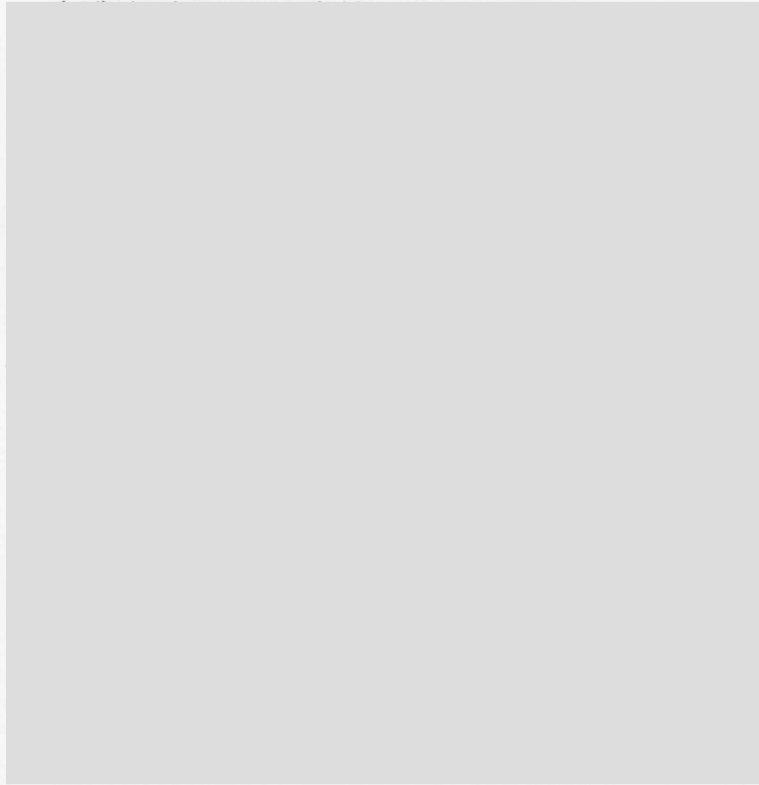
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Save the children

Edward J. Daly, president of World Airways, and his pilot Ken Healy are American heroes. They are heroes because they had the courage to say the red tape be damned, the children of Vietnam deserve to be saved.

They took it upon themselves to do

There are thousands of Americans waiting for the opportunity to provide a home for a Vietnamese orphan, to give that child the opportunities thousands—hundreds of thousands—of its contemporaries will never have under Communist domination.



Ex-boxer spreads his millions around

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Kid-loving Ed began airline with one plane

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP-UPI-Special)
— Pistol packin' and tough-talking Ed
Daly has one weakness—kids.
And especially if they are the wide-

one surplus plane after the war and
built himself what is now called the
world's largest charter operation.
"Ed really is an interesting humani-
tarian" said a friend recently. "His

Communist rockets were falling
around the airport. Then the refugees
panicked and rushed the plane. Daly
could have got away safely with a half-
empty plane but he stayed until the



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ED DALY
"A good party guy"



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He's tough, he's rich— a soft touch for kids

From Tribune Wire Services

OAKLAND, Cal. — What kind of man uses his personal wealth to fly orphans from war-ravaged South Viet Nam and thus give them a new lease on life in the United



per cent of World Airways and huge percentages of several subsidiaries.

He was a close friend of President Johnson and served as the Oakland chairman of the National Alliance of Busi-

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Right On! Fly On, Edward Daly!

By **GEORGE F. WILL**

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 al-



ously awaiting them in the U.S. and elsewhere. Daly and the prospective parents are all for due process, but they are beginning to suspect that the North Vietnamese army may be moving quicker than the adoption process is moving.

Unfortunately, before the Daly airplane could get airborne civilization asserted itself. U.S. officials in Saigon, and representa-

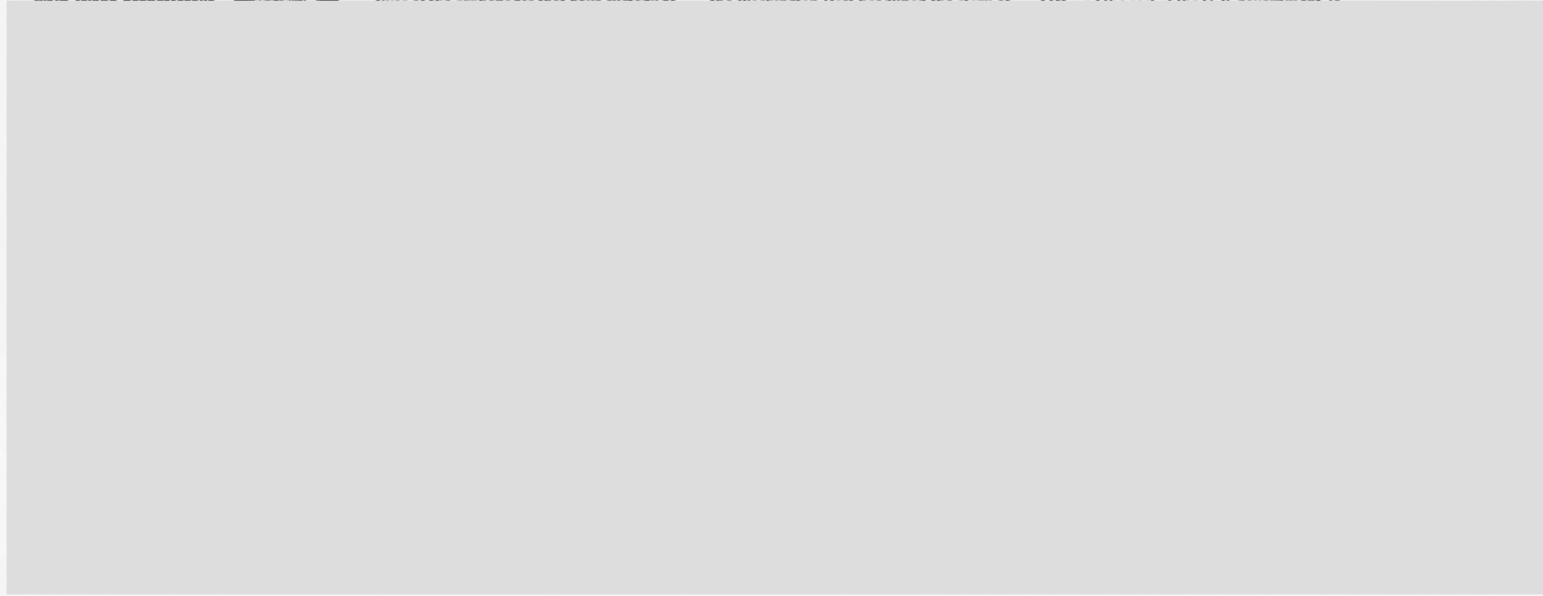
Pilot Ken Healy, another menace to the social fabric, reached an opposite conclusion: If the Viet Cong are coming, let's fly somewhere.

The control tower said: "Don't take off. You don't have clearance." Healy laconically explained later that, "I just didn't get the message in time."

Some law-and-order headline writer at

The U. S. government, and especially the Agency for International Development, is acting with a commendable sense of urgency. And the South Vietnamese authorities are showing no more than an understandable concern about regulating the departure of parentless children.

But everyone can do better — better for the frail children of the Indo-China dust — if





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Pistol-Packing Millionaire

Airlift's Daly Ignores Rules to Help Vietnamese

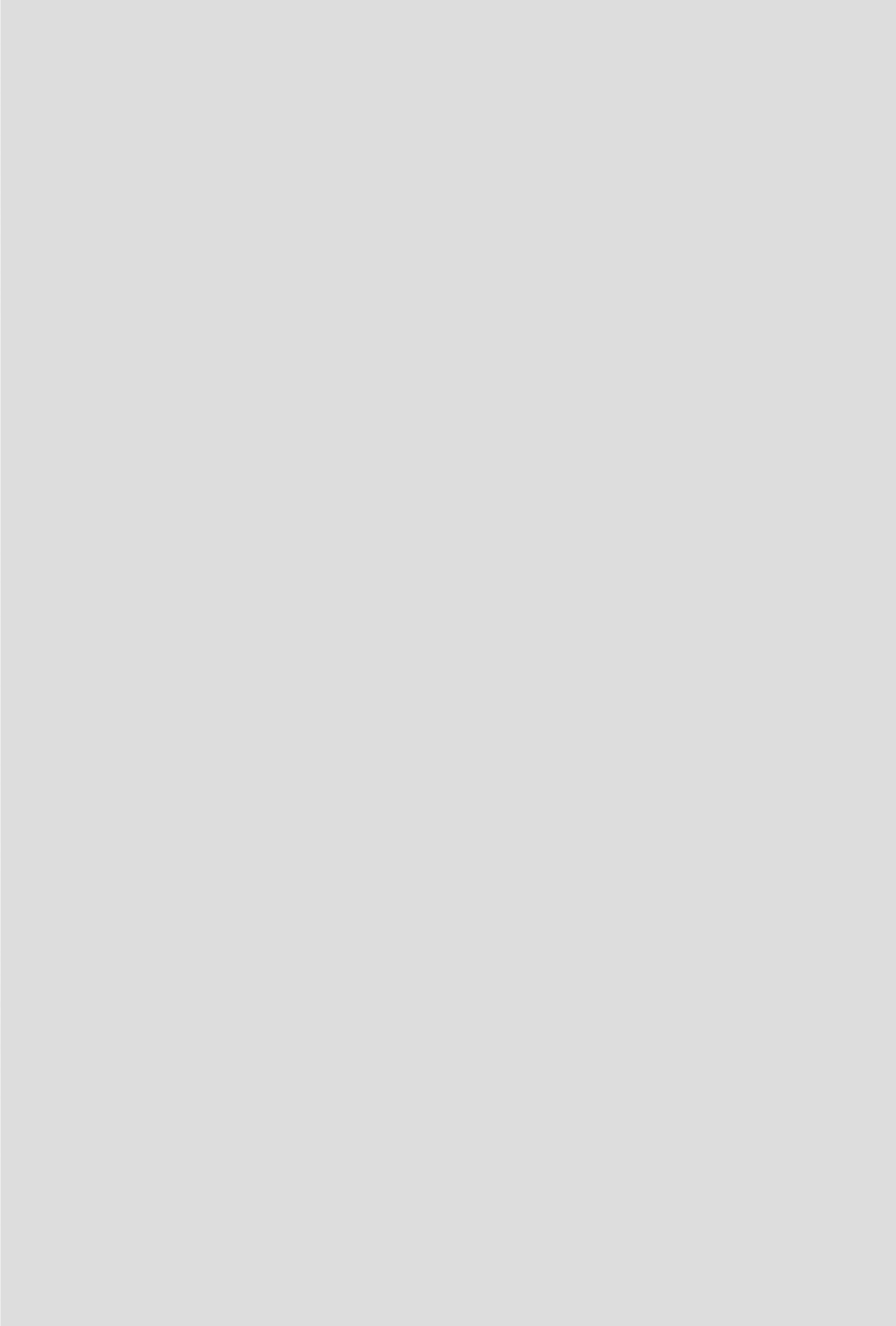
By James Kloss
Chicago Daily News

Someone is going to think of making a movie about Edward J. Daly, probably with John Wayne or George C. Scott playing the



my Air Corps and went to the Pacific Theater in World War II. During his hitch he learned about military air cargo operations.

After working his way up to a vice president's post





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World Airways' Ed Daly: Pistol-Packing Millionaire

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The man who flew 55 orphans from war-torn South Vietnam to the United States, breaking some rules in the process, is a pistol-packing millionaire who sends 5,000 disadvantaged children to the circus each year and served as the Oakland chairman of the National Alliance of Businessmen under the Johnson and Nixon administrations.

breaking federal regulations in carrying the orphans on a seatless jet. The 53-year-old Daly, whose wealth is estimated at up to \$500 million, started small. He bought one surplus plane after the war and built what is now called the

son and served as the Oakland chairman of the National Alliance of Businessmen under the Johnson and Nixon administrations. Yet, the former Army sergeant doesn't forget his other friends. Each Christ-





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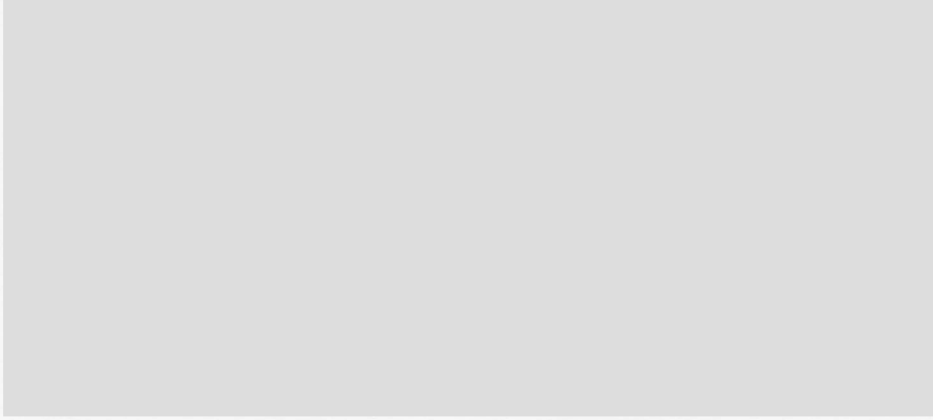
An orchid for Ed

One of the few bright spots in the collapse of South Vietnam is the story of a plane-load of orphans that a tough-talking American pilot flew out of Saigon this week.

Ed Daly, described as the pistol-

flown out of Saigon in the next few days and Australians are also reportedly on the way to airlift another 200 children to that country.

But the rapid rate at which South Vietnam is falling apart makes time of



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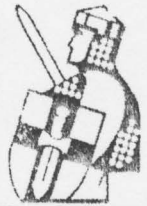
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By James Kloss
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RAAF will fly waifs to Australia

CANBERRA. — An RAAF Hercules plane will fly 200 Vietnamese war orphans to Australia.

The government announced this today after the president of World Airways, Mr Edward Daly, said in Saigon he would fly out 1500 waifs — 500 of whom he would take to Sydney today.

The Victorian Premier, Mr Hamer, and the NSW Premier, Mr Lewis both said they would be prepared to accept any of the 500 orphans. To clear the way for the RAAF flight, the

500 waifs Mr Daly says he will accompany to Sydney.

It is not known if Mr Daly will be given permission by the South Vietnamese Government to leave Saigon.

ents in the United States and Europe.

Australia would be used as a stopover point for the flight, they say.

But Mr Daly said in Saigon the Australian Government had refused

be aboard the Boeing 727 flight to Sydney.

"If Daly is aboard, there's no further clearance needed," he said.

Mr Daly said he also intended to fly 1000 orphans to the U.S. in a DC8.

Mr Cameron today spoke to a representative of Miss Rosemary Taylor,

would be prepared to accept any of the orphan babies if Mr Daly landed in Australia.

He said that flying refugees to Australia was not really the answer.

"We should be supporting them in their own land."

He said he had sent a

Government was prepared to send volunteers to South Vietnam to help in emergency services.

The NSW Minister for Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, Mr Maugher, said the "full services of NSW" had been offered if the federal authorities allowed child-

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company which has been flying the rice run to Phnom Penh and refugee flights in Vietnam.

Against the advice of the U.S. Government, he ordered his Boeing 727 into Da Nang on Saturday and collected almost 400 refugees.





Airline chief Daly

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A day in the life of Mr \$300m.

World Airways president Edward Daly was on the last flight in and out of Da Nang on Saturday.

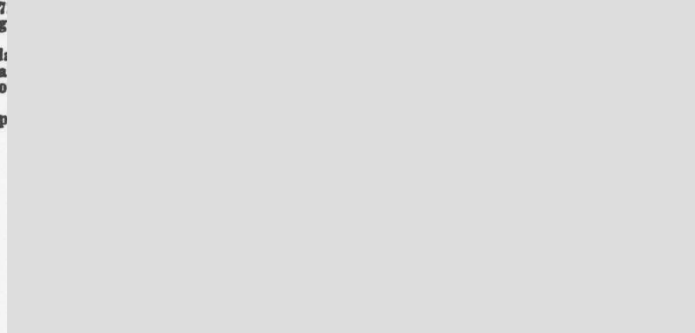
He ignored the advice of U.S. officials, and took three of his

trampled and bashed women and children to get aboard.

Mr Daly, 52, stood at the plane's doorway trying to push back the soldiers.

Viet commandant Paul Vuole

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It started as a routine trip...

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