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Vietnamese orphans: help them find a life in their own country

name woman currently living in the United States, feel that American efforts would be better put to working on a political settlement of the war.

By MRS. TRAN TUONG NHU

Interest in the plight of Vietnamese orphans grows rapidly in the United States, but is this another example of well-intentioned Americans rushing into another Vietnamese miasma?

For the most part, Americans who want to adopt a Vietnamese orphan are genuinely concerned over the lack of care and love from which these wretched innocents suffer. They feel that they can pro-



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vide a suitable home, love and care that all little children deserve. These are fine intentions but may result in more harm than good to the orphans themselves and Vietnamese society.

People have been led to believe that racially mixed children will suffer in Vietnam because they have been told that Vietnamese are racist. While racism exists, it is more for political reasons than cultural ones. The child with foreign blood serves as a constant reminder of the bitter experience of foreign intervention which still exists, but this will most certainly decline when the war is ended, as it did after the French left.

Black-fathered children are said to suffer the most. This is true, but in my research work in Vietnam, I have seen a number of instances where Vietnamese families have successfully adopted such children, and even cases where Vietnamese men take care of the half-black children their wives had borne.

Adoption is common in Vietnam by the Vietnamese, but it is done largely outside the archaic colonial-created legal barriers to adoption that are now applied dis-

Operation Babylift Another Expression of U.S. Arrogance

By BOB GREENE

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 contribution of the overwhelming American arrogance that has

It is a very easy and convenient way to alleviate American guilt over what has happened in Vietnam. To show an American president cradling a Vietnamese baby in his arms is to comfort a nation. But where was the concern for Asian

themselves willing and capable of caring for their own children. Our great moral responsibility is to enable them, in their time of great tragedy, to do so . . . Wouldn't it be far better for the children of Vietnam to be cared for in their own highly civi-

Move Sought For Orphanage

Saigon, South Vietnam — "I'm watching the map as TAP — A Georgia mother with the Communist forces keep five children of her own and coming I can't see Saigon sure five adopted Vietnamese or living as an island as Hong

Orphan airlift described as propaganda

SAIGON (AP) — Opposition politicians made public Sunday a letter from a top government official which quotes U.S. Ambassador Graham Martin as saying the evacuation of orphans "will help create a shift in American public opinion

The spokesman said Dan and Martin met last week on the orphan airlift and that Dan said the evacuation "might also have some effect on U.S. public opinion.

The letter was written Wednesday to

ernment "was my own opinion and that of my friends in the United States and Australia."

An unofficial translation of Dan's letter, however, clearly refers to the U.S. ambassador and his intervening "directly

BY MEG GREENFIELD

Tran Van Jones



It is my good fortune to spend my Saturday mornings with the children of St. Ann's, a Catholic-run orphanage across the district line in Maryland. I do not claim to have been fully reformed as yet by the example of their bravery and cheer. But I am learning. We read, play, argue

skinned the knee or keen the sense of outrage—gives way to his first sobs.

These are children, in other words, with enormous immediate needs, and that is the problem. They are terrible candidates for further risk and delay, since their growing older and suffering

are equally keen and the judgments equally difficult to make. At what point do you remove a black child to the custody of white

gotten how to cry—no matter how badly—trustin' but black-white, the emotions—had a shortage of things to be ashamed of.



(NY26) NEW YORK, April 4--'SHE IS EVERYTHING WE EVER WANTED'--Adele Kolinsky of Spring Valley, N.Y., holds Nguyen Thi My Huong, the three-year-old Vietnamese girl she has adopted, on the youngster's arrival at New York's La Guardia Airport Friday. At right is Mrs. Kolinsky's husband, Ben. "She is everything we ever wanted," said Mrs. Kolinsky. The girls, whose new name will be Robyn Lan, was one of more than 50 children who arrived safely in this country Thursday after a World Airways flight from Saigon. (AP Wirephoto) (see AP AAA wire story) (pr

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. legal authorities are quietly exploring ways of arranging a cease-fire to permit the evacuation of perhaps as many as one million South Vietnamese refugees on humanitarian grounds.

of the bulk of South Vietnam by Communist-led forces, including the major cities of Da Nang, Hue and Qui Nhon. The resolution cited "an abuse of power, corruption and social injustice." It also charged the United States with failure to respect

government that favors "peace, independence, national concord and reconciliation." Dinh Ba Thi, deputy chief of the Viet Cong delegation in Paris, said the Viet Cong would negotiate with a government that includes the so-called "Third Force" in South Vietnamese politics

the talks to resume, and the Soviet Union has been urging a resumption for some time. Fahmy did not mention a date for reconvening the talks. Last month the Egyptians called for an "immediate" resumption after the collapse of

canal on the date set by Sadat. "Any obstacle will be overcome," says Ahmed Fouad, the authority's director of transit. "In fact, we hope to finish a few days ahead of that date, perhaps by May 15." As he spoke to newsmen,

Fouad said for the first week or so the canal will be limited to ships drawing 38 feet and carrying no more than 50,000 tons of cargo "just as a check." Eventually the 1966 limits of 70,000 tons loaded and 110,000 tons in ballast will be applied.

Fouad said simulated convoys are now being operated to test navigation and communications equipment. In Ismailia, midpoint on the 103-mile waterway, a surge of activity contrasts with the sleepiness that prevailed two months ago. The scars of Is-

Luca, head of the naval workers union, in another part of the city. The deaths brought to 113 the number of persons killed since Jan. 1 either in feuding between leftist and rightist guerrillas or by police actions against them. The violence

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THE DIAPER FLIGHT

57 Viet Orphans Arrive in U.S.



Credit for Blasts

NEW YORK (AP) — Four explosions echoed through mid-Manhattan late Wednesday night and early Thursday, police reported. Officers said that

Sub Secrecy

By LES GOLDBERG
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer
The Central Intelligence Agency apparently tried to keep secret the now famous

him the ship, with a market value of \$300 million, was an oceanographic vessel and subject to a one per cent tax assessment instead of the usual

By PETER ARNETT
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AP photo

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The Senate, which has no real power, also charged the

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Turks, Greeks Agree To Talk

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders have agreed to resume their interrupted peace talks April 25 in Vienna, diplomatic sources said Wednesday. The Greek Cypriots called off the talks to protest the

Orphan Rescue Latest Trip

Real Flier Gets Jobs Done

OAKLAND, (AP) — What kind of man uses his personal wealth to fly orphans from war-ravaged South Vietnam to give them a new lease on life in the United States? est charter operation.

The same 53-year-old man

Ed Daly, the pistol-packing millionaire president of World Airways, is the man who hoped to rescue 1,500 Vietnamese infants from shrinking South Vietnam and fly them to safety in Australia and the United States. But late reports from

“He really is an interesting humanitarian,” said one friend of Daly’s. “That kind of wealth is hard to understand unless you have it.”

“He doesn’t like to publicize what he does,” said the friend, who asked that his name be

Oakland Symphony to hear the Nutcracker Suite. And when he heard that a home for young county wards of the court did not have swimming facilities, he built them a swimming pool.

He was a close friend of President Lyndon B. Johnson and served as the Oakland chairman of the National Alliance of Businessmen under the Johnson and Nixon administrations.

Daly is a personal friend of Jordan’s King Hussein, who just sent him two prize Arabian horses from the royal stables.

U.S. Joins Orphan Airlift

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 2,000 Vietnamese orphans will be flown from the threatened city of Saigon to the United States in an airlift scheduled to begin in the next two days, the State Department’s Agency for International Development (AID) announced Wednesday night.

Announcement of the plan by AID Administrator Daniel Parker came as a chartered World Airways jetliner was flying from Japan to the U.S. West Coast with 57 other Vietnamese children. The plane



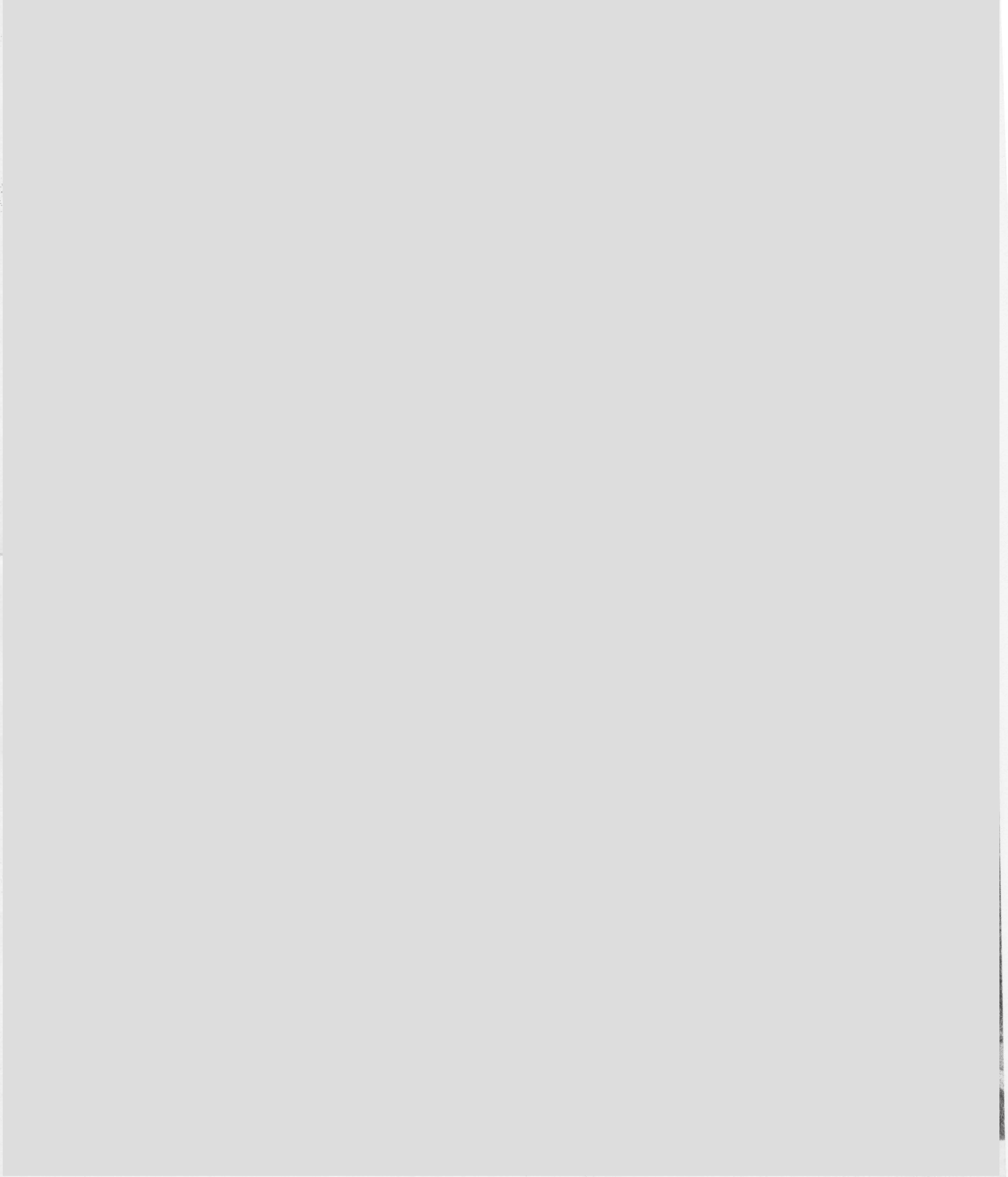
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World Airways President Ed Daly, right, describes airlift of Vietnamese orphans to U.S.

57 Viet Orphans Arrive in Oakland

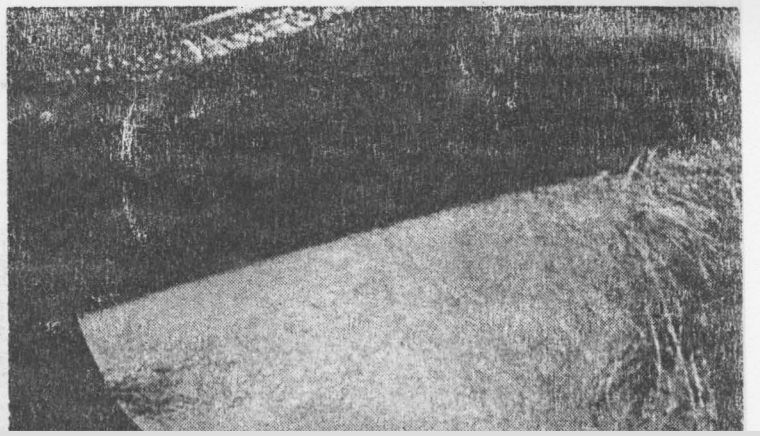
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The Littlest Refugees



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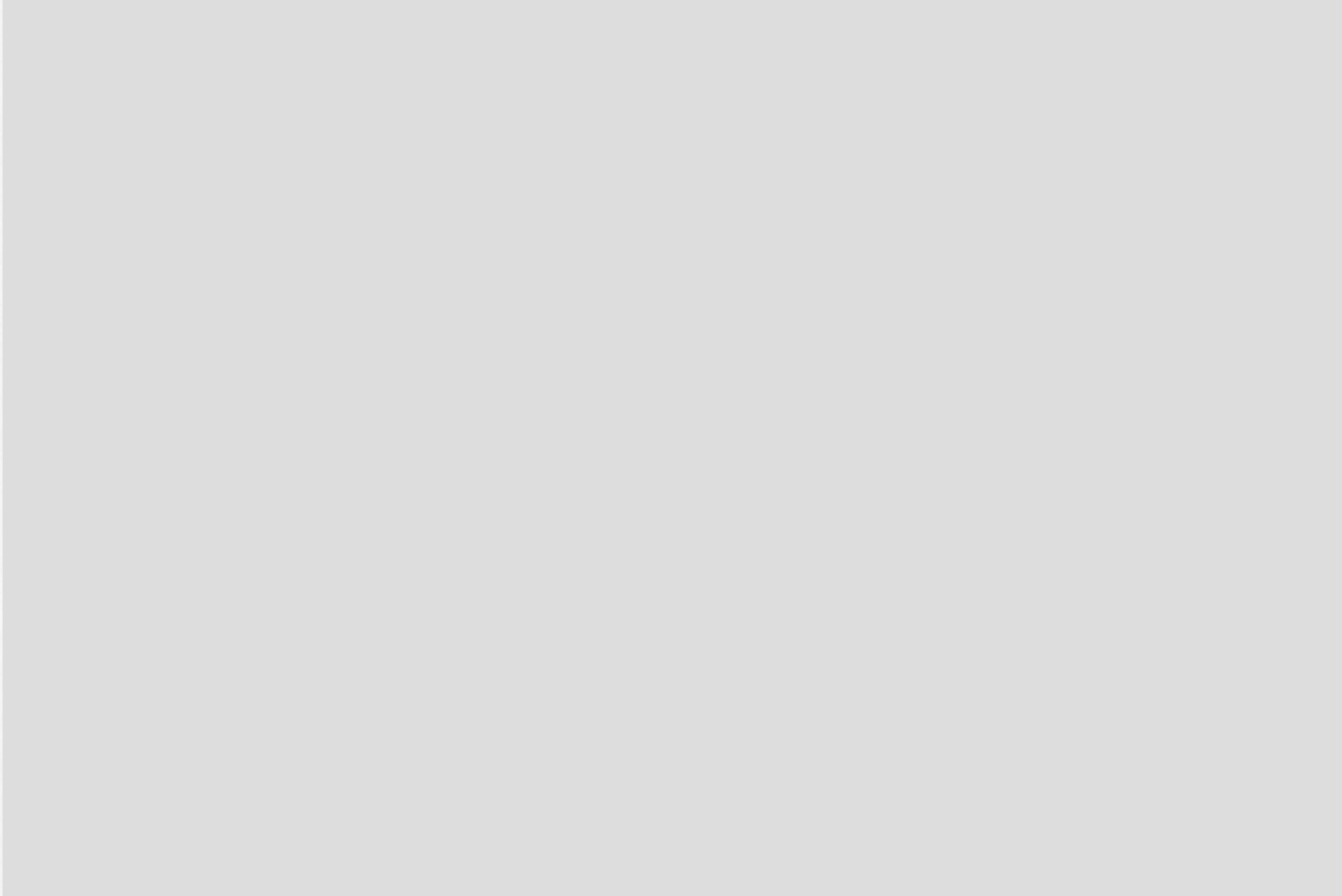
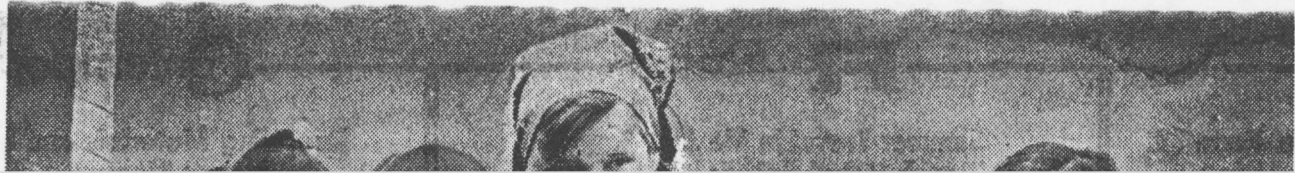
Pause in Flight



Little refugees from Saigon at Yokota AB.
 Clockwise from top left, Mrs. Mary Fisher, the wife of a Seventh Day Adventist Church minister, who escorted six babies, holds one at the aircraft's window.
 Sister Nancy Ceyotte, Friends of All Children aide, comforts a tot.
 Excited kids play around inside the craft.
 Ed Daly, in a subdued moment, puffs on a cigarette.
 Daly during his news conference.
 Dr. Elaine Shankel carries a sick child as Daly, with his hand in bandages, points the way.
 Mrs. Fisher changes diapers as other children sleep peacefully.

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Denver Post Photo by David Cupp

DENVER SCHOOLGIRLS ACQUAINT VIETNAMESE ORPHAN WITH SIGHTS AT CITY PARK

Nguyen Thi Kin Lein, 10, second from left, visits with Nicole Murray, 10, left, Lisa Kirk, 11, and Kathy Torres, 12, at a Denver City Park picnic. A fifth-grade class at

Bromwell Elementary School hosted the picnic for 15 Vietnamese orphans, including Lein, staying at the Continental Care Center in Denver en route to new homes.

By PETER ARNETT
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)

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The children were greeted by doctors, nurses and numerous well-wishers as the plane landed at Oakland International Airport.

It was almost totally dark when we boarded the World Airways DC8 jet because Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport was on full alert.

The children, many of them babies in diapers and most already spoken for by new parents, were laid out on the blanketed cabin floor with a pillow for each. Some of the older ones chattered with excitement on Vietnamese. Others lay back with their eyes wide with wonder.

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, Calif., via Tokyo, the air-



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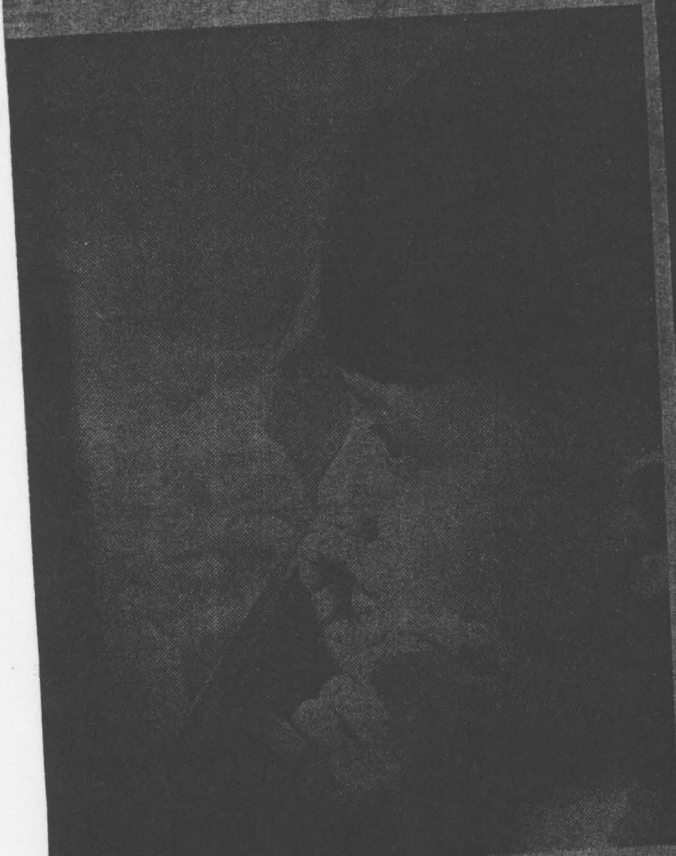
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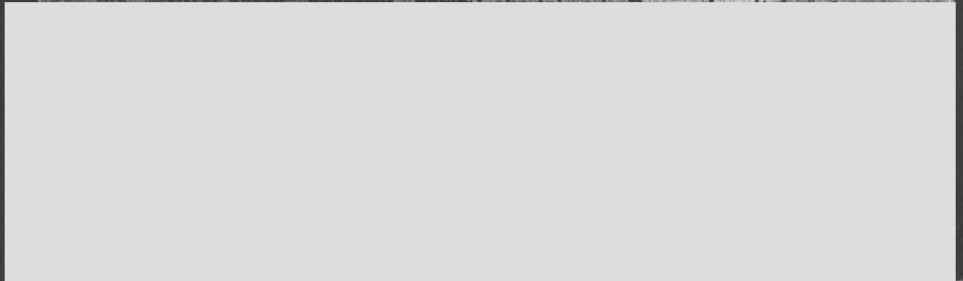


THANH-LONG STARES OUT BUS WINDOW
He looks over California on trip to the Presidio.

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

45 S. Vietnamese Orphans Arrive on Two Flights

Forty-five South Vietnamese orphans were taken to the Continental Care Center in Denver late Sunday night on two commercial airline flights according to the Denver-based adoption agency. She said three of the children had to be united with their adopted parents.



T.L.C. was the standard prescription for the hundreds of Vietnamese orphans who arrived in Denver last week. Lowry personnel became directly involved as male and female, student and permanent party alike volunteered their spare time to



Eugene Marks, Lowry's Red Cross Field director, meets a new arrival at Stapleton.



Years of Effort in Aiding Viet Children

The Denver Post:

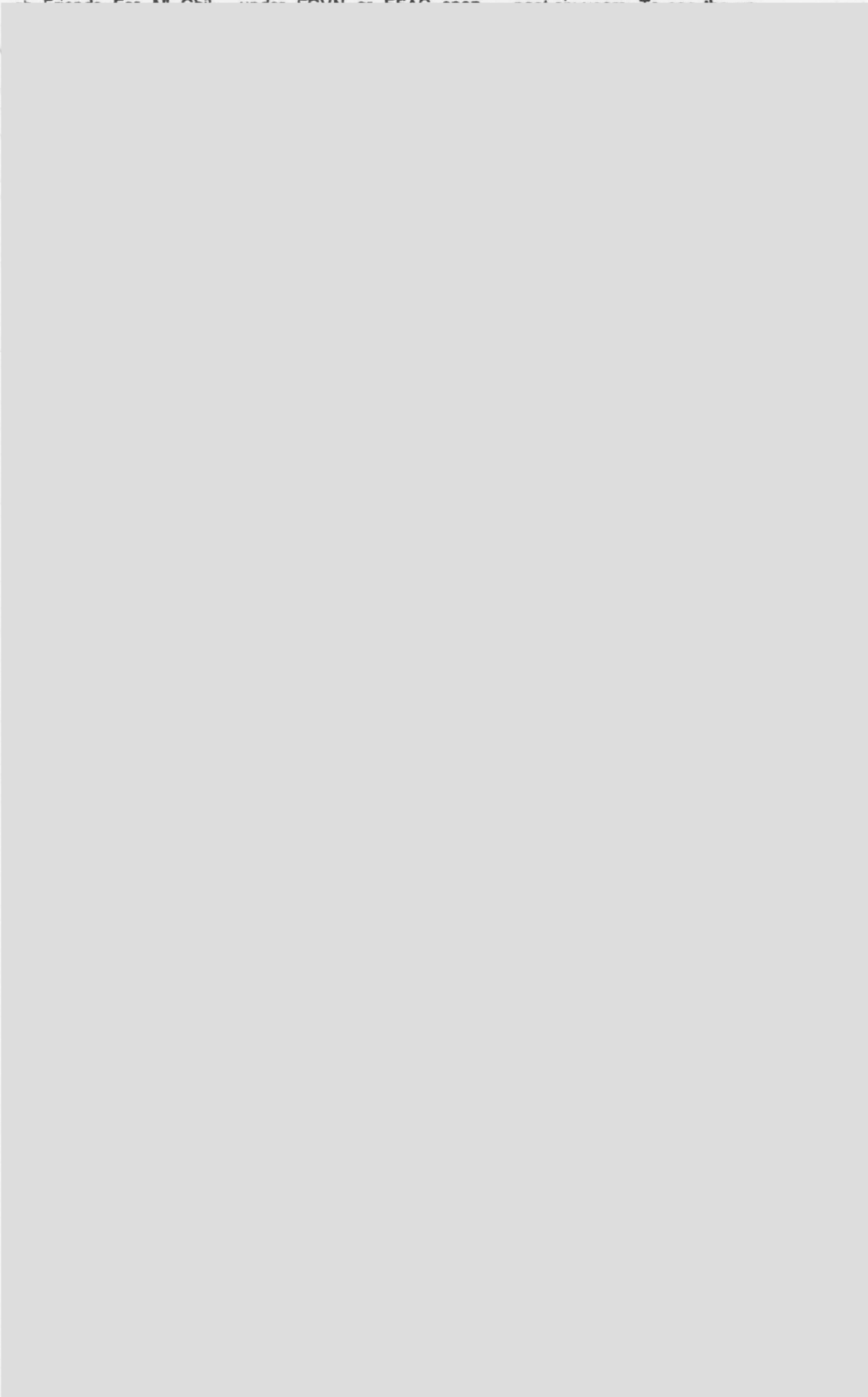
WE WAITED in vain for a response to the letters of criticism concerning "Operation Babylift." Only today did I realize that the local people directly involved in this effort,

personal effort to give a few more children the opportunity to grow up—in Vietnam or elsewhere.

The appalling deathrate, 80 per cent of the children brought in, has been significantly reduced in those orphanages

and support. Our efforts on their behalf should not end with the babylift, but neither should "Operation Babylift" cease.

There are many families in our area who have adopted Vietnamese children over the



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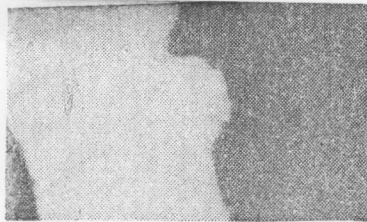
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ORPHANS' NEW HOME

**Saigon: A City
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Death Blow

Panic and disorder threaten in Saigon, which is jammed with thousands of civilian refugees from captured areas in the north and with armed military stragglers who slipped into the city without reporting to the army.

Saigon's military commander forbade mass assemblies, demonstrations and the carrying of weapons without a permit. He announced:

"Local authorities have orders to shoot and kill on the spot those violators who try to resist or flee."

Strength of the "dump Thieu" movement was demonstrated yesterday when the formerly pro-government Senate broke with him and called for a "new leadership" to end the war.

Ford: Airlift Not Blocked by U.S.

Special to The Tribune

SAN DIEGO — President Ford said today he was not aware of any interference by U.S. Embassy or foreign aid officials in World Airways president Ed Daly's aborted plan to bring hundreds of orphans to the United States from Vietnam.

"I am not aware of any specifics," he said at a private breakfast here for newspaper and broadcast executives. "There are certain laws applicable, laws passed by Congress concerning refugees. I understand the attorney general has under consideration a broad waiver to help South Vietnamese refugees."

He said how much the United States can do to help refugees will depend in part on the attitude of the North Vietnamese government. "I hope they would be receptive to whatever we try and other nations try," the President added.

"You can't fight your way in. In the first place, Congress won't let us."

Of the immigration regulations he added, "I can assure you that within the law we will be very humanitarian."

Orphans 'At Home' in S.F.

Fifty-eight Vietnamese and Eurasian war orphans, over half of them the children of American soldiers and Vietnamese women they left behind, were resting today at San Francisco's Presidio, half a world away from the charnel house that Vietnam has become.

They landed at Oakland International Airport last night after a 14-hour dash across 7,000 miles of the Pacific that started when their DC8 jet left a closed airport at Saigon without official clearance.

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...ance in the face of an expected Viet Cong attack.

Today they await new lives with adopted parents in the United States. Only the oldest among them will remember the horrors that left them homeless in Vietnam and brought them here.

Some of the orphans were on their way to their new homes this morning, but most were playing on mattresses on the floor of a gymnasium-type building at the Presidio.

"It was like a giant playground," Army Sgt. Ronald Renouf said. "I never

saw so many happy kids in my life."

Four of the 58 were hospitalized for pneumonia, fever or body sores.

Several hundred people were on hand to meet the World Airways air freightliner when it touched down shortly before 11 p.m., including medical and social service volunteers, Vietnamese students and immigrants living in the Bay Area, federal officials and a legion of reporters.

"I came to see my countrymen," said Tran Nhung, a student at San Jose State College who volunteered to be an interpreter. "It gave me a good feeling when I saw the children. It was very kind of the Americans to take the children."

The number that finally reached Oakland was pitifully small compared with the 1,500 orphans World Airways president Ed Daly offered last weekend to fly to adopted homes in America and Australia.

The project was scaled down several times as the days passed, first because the Australian government decided to use air force planes to fly 200 orphans there, and then because an adoption agency decided against sending 500 chil-

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Children Here; a Time For Smiles and Tears

By BILL Fiset

It was a nasty foreign war people were sick of, but when the residue of the war became children—young children, orphaned and homeless—and when an Oakland airline president decided he could rescue some of them from the ravaged streets of South Vietnam, it became a big story, indeed, for Oakland.

The "mercy flight" of World Airways Flight 805, a special run of a "stretch" DC8 jet, was due into Oakland Airport at 10:45 last night, some 14 hours elapsed air time from Saigon with precious cargo, and when the glistening white plane set down at the exact minute the huge airline hangar was filled with 200 waiting press, radio and TV people, floodlights, cameras, tape recorders, microphones and the feeling of excitement newspeople exude when a big, human story is at hand.

On the offloading ramp outside World's big hangar and in an inside waiting room an almost carnival atmosphere prevailed, people massed on load-

ing ramps to have a vantage point, a platoon of sheriff's deputies, Red Cross women, Oakland police, highway patrol officers, five chartered buses waiting, a crowd outside the fenced area watching from atop parked cars, and none was disappointed.

The aircraft, its jet engines hissing, coasted along the runway after touchdown, circled the outer perimeters of the field and glided to a stop in the appointed spot, its "World Airways" insignia almost fluorescent in the lights, a mercy mission completed, a public relations dream. At the windows along the fuselage were small Oriental faces, wide-eyed, of children literally given a new lease on life, children snatched from whatever uncertain future South Vietnam may have, at this precise moment getting their first glimpses of a strange America, a blacktop tarmac under floodlights at night, a mass of Caucasian

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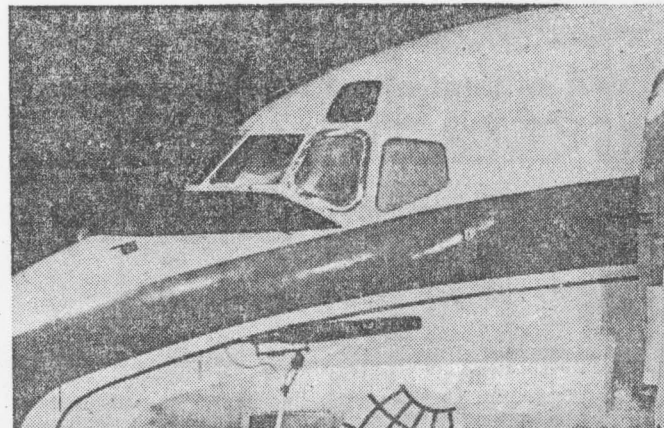
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World Airways Airlift Pilots Are No Strangers to Danger



The pilots that flew 55 orphans from Saigon to Oakland yesterday are no strangers to harrowing flights.

Captain William Keating, chief pilot for World Airways, made 80 trips carrying rice to



William Keating (left) and Ken Healy ignored orders

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Increased defense spending and a stronger U.S. foreign policy are needed to counter Soviet diplomatic successes and a U.S. trend "toward military

Betty Ford Feels Tragedy

LOS ANGELES (AP)— First Lady Betty Ford says she is so touched by the plight of Vietnamese refugee children fleeing the armies sweeping through South Viet-

ation, but he "is trying to take a couple of hours off each day."

Asked if the President weren't playing golf while Saigon, figuratively, was bur-

She flew from Palm Springs to the Hollywood-Burbank airport in a small Air Force jet, then was driven to the downtown Music Center in Los Angeles.



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Ford Warns 'Any Adversaries' Americans Will Defend Freedom

By PAUL HEALY
Globe-Democrat - New York News Service

SAN DIEGO. — President Ford has issued a stern warning to "any adversaries" that the United States will stand by its allies and that the tragedy of Vietnam has not destroyed the will of the American people to

Mr. Ford turned directly to the European allies in continuing his remarks, saying: "We are going to stand by our commitments to NATO."

After he had expressed his "frustration" with Congress for cutting economic, humani-

deal of credibility in the premise. But he said he hopes the nations on the periphery of Indochina do not believe the United States is going to abandon its oft-stated support. "We are going to stand by them," he said.

In another reference to the War Powers Act, Mr. Ford was asked if her personally

were right if the United States had carried out its commitment in the Paris peace accords of replacing supplies and equipment.

THE PRESIDENT said he was not blaming Congress, not assessing blame. But he reminded that Congress cut Vietnam aid appropriations in the last two years.

U.S. WELCOME

The Orphan Airlift: War's Human Side

BY DARYL LEMBKE
Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—David seemed to be having a great time. The television floodlights and reporters scrambling about in search of a human-interest angle didn't throw him off stride.

On his first day in his adopted homeland, Thursday, he just kept playing catch with a basketball. It's his favorite sport.

David is a wiry 8-year-old who was one of 52 Vietnamese orphans flown to the United States from Saigon Wednesday to find new homes with adoptive parents. The movement was the vanguard of an extensive orphan airlift from beleaguered South Vietnam.

President Ford, saying "this is the least we can do," announced Thursday that 2,000 more will be flown out of Saigon in the next few days.

If they all like it as well as David, the operation could at least add an upbeat postscript to the otherwise depressing saga of the Vietnam war.

Asked through an interpreter how he liked the United States, David replied with an enthusiastic flurry of words in Vietnamese. The interpreter, Berkeley high school student Tai Nguyen, 14, said the gist of it was "It's a good place to live!"

When asked if he had left any relatives in Vietnam, David answered soberly that four brothers had stayed behind. They apparently are living in an orphanage in Na Chang, outside Saigon, where David had been cared for.

And his new parents in America? David said he did not know who they were or where they lived. By now, however, he is on his way to them.

Across the nation Thursday, thousands of Americans opened their hearts to the orphans and flooded adoption agencies and the State Department with pleas to take one or more.

Many orphans already had been spoken for and were waiting in Saigon for planes to take them out.

In answer to frantic families who feared that their new charges would be lost in the growing chaos of war, Mr. Ford ordered giant C-5 Air Force

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U.S. Opens Heart to Orphans

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red tape and other bureaucratic obstacles preventing these children from coming to the United States.

Friends of Children of Vietnam which arranged for Wednesday's airlift. "We don't know how long we'll continue to get cooperation from the South Vietnamese government

Diana Myhrom, 25, said she had her bank wire the money to Randy Carson, an unemployed Vietnam veteran whose wife, unborn son and adopted son are in South Vietnam

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Adopted children can become citizens

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The
South Vietnamese Children

When the Hungarian refugees poured into this country in the 1950s after the Soviet Union had crushed their

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from Hungary

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Ford May Greet Group Of Orphans At Travis



Nurses Myrna Fisher, left, and her cousin, Mary Fisher, hold six of 55 Vietnamese orphans who were flown into Oakland late Wednesday night. The picture was made Thursday morning at the home of Myrna Fisher's sister in

Sacramento. Two of the babies will stay in Sacramento and the other four will be taken to the Los Angeles area.—AP Wirephoto.

Tentative Meeting Outlined

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President and Mrs. Ford next week may meet one of the Air Force planes ferrying orphans from South Vietnam when it lands at Travis Air Force Base, press secretary Ron Nessen said Thursday night.

The announcement, carried by wire services, was made at Palm Springs where the presidential party is vacationing.

Nessen said plans were not firm, but there was a chance a C5A jet carrying orphans would arrive at Travis AFB on Monday.

President Ford is scheduled to end his nine-day Palm Springs vacation Monday and return to Washington, stopping en route in Las Vegas to speak to the National Association of Broadcasters.

Nessen said if it works out, Ford could make the Las Vegas speech and then fly to Travis before returning to Washington.

Meanwhile more Vietnamese orphans were headed to the San Francisco Bay Area by commercial jetliner, first of 2,000 headed to the United States.

The first contingent of 50 orphans who landed in Oakland Wednesday night gazed with wide-eyed fascination as volunteers fussed over them in several places in the Bay Area.

Just two days ago, the children were in endangered Saigon where a World Airways jet defied orders and took off with them to a new life.

Charles J. Patterson, senior vice president of World Airways, said the plane which arrived Thursday carried 55 children — 52 of them orphans and three accompanied by their mothers. However, there was confusion about

Military Officers Held In Reported Thieu Plot

SAIGON, South Vietnam — The South Vietnamese government said Friday it had arrested several military officers for allegedly plotting to overthrow President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Calls for Thieu's downfall have swept Saigon as South Vietnam's military situation worsened. With 50,000 Communist-led troops massed only 45 to 55 miles away from Saigon, Thieu's

It was the second such roundup of alleged coup plotters in a week. One week ago, the Interior Ministry said eight persons were arrested for plotting against the president.

In San Diego, Calif., President Ford said Thieu had ordered an "improper and unnecessary withdrawal" of his troops from the central provinces. Ford made the comment at a private meeting with news and broadcast executives, but word leaked to newsmen

Index In Sharp Wholesale Rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices in March fell six-tenths of a percent, resulting in the sharpest four-month price drop in 24 years, the government reported Thursday.

The Labor Department report was further evidence that inflation is moderating even though the declines at wholesale have not been fully passed through to consumers at the retail level.

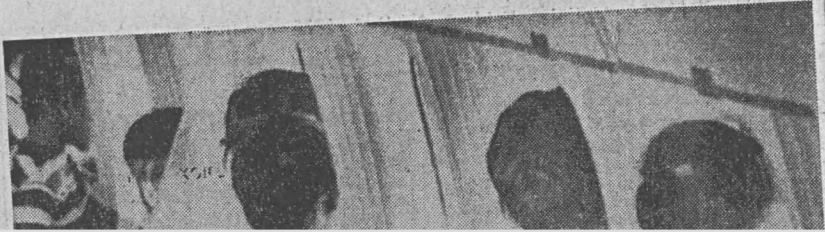
Farm and food prices fell 2.5 percent to lead the over-all decline in wholesale prices last month. Industrial

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Tot Lift Answer 'To My Prayers'

SACRAMENTO (AP) — load of orphans to the United States, and would she go along as a nurse.
The baby lift from Vietnam was an "answer to my prayers," the wife of a Sev-
"When this came up I know it was an answer to



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Massive Airlift Of Orphans Asked

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — Voluntary adoption agencies appealed to the United States on Thursday for an airlift of jumbo jets to get hundreds of Vietnamese orphans to safety in America, welfare sources said.

In San Diego, Calif., President Ford told a news conference he has ordered the

for a clarification of his statement.

One voluntary agency, the Friends of Vietnamese Children, sent a van to foster homes dotting the Saigon area on Thursday to pick up 110 of its 350 children to prepare them for departure.

"Everybody has asked for the jumbo jets," said Leann

3 — Times-Herald, Vallejo, Friday, April 4, 1975



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Mother Weeps Losing 3 Babies

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — "I don't want my babies to die," Nguyen Thi Liem said Thursday and burst into tears after signing a waiver giving up her three

I worry, too much with VC here. Maybe rocket. Maybe bomb. Maybe they kill.

"It hard very hard. I don't know. I never see my babies anymore. I don't know what I do. Maybe

350 others live. About half of them were fathered by Americans.

Victor Srinivasan, an Indian from Madras but a permanent resident of the United States, said Thursday



After dash to U.S., orphans explore the wonders of toys

By **DARYL LEMBKE**
Globe-Democrat - Los Angeles
Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO. — David seemed to be having a great time Thursday on his first day in his adopted homeland.

The television floodlights and reporters scrambling about in search of the human





A NEW LIFE: Nurses Myrna Fisher and her cousin, Mary Fisher, hold six of the 58 Vietnamese orphans who were flown to California from Saigon. Two of the baby refugees will live in Sacramento and the other four will have new homes in the Los Angeles area. Stories on 6A.

—AP Wirephoto



Ha Thi Cam Juong cried as she stood outside the An Lac orphanage after her son, Ha Mai Khoi (right) boarded a plane to fly to the U.S. A stewardess stands behind her.

Her 'Orphan' Son Flies to U.S.

Saigon

Ha Thi Cam Huong stood across the street from an orphanage yesterday watching her 9-year-old son leave for the United States. In her

ings in a brown satchel, climbed aboard a bus to join a group of more than 250 Vietnamese children who flew to the United States aboard two U.S. Air Force C-141

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AP Wirephotos

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ized the airlift after two days of lobbying for permission from the South Vietnamese government, said the boy would have a good home in Columbus, Ga., her home town.

2 More Orphans Find New Families, Lives

By PETE GORDON and
MARK IVANCIC
Sun-Sentinel Writers

Two more Vietnamese orphans were united with their adoptive American families yesterday as a Boca Raton couple and a Pompano Beach

rocked her five and a half pound infant.

"He eats well and there is hardly a blemish on him," she said. "There were no surprises except I expected a three-month baby."

Her husband thinks he must have misunderstood the



Area hearthsides warmed by new arrivals

Viet children find security

Four-year-old Thomas Lane Moritz, a Vietnamese orphan, tightly clutched the hand of a puppet and toy car as if he were afraid to let go of his new-found security.

The child, adopted by Larry and Linda Moritz of Loveland, even slept with the toy his first

made sons," as Ingram calls them. "This rounds out the Ingram family," he said.

At one point during the reception a group of new parents and their children gathered to pose for a picture. Behind them was a backdrop of newspapers stands whose headlines shouted



Not Everyone's Cheering the Orphan Lift

Pacific Stars and Stripes
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An airline worker carries Vietnamese orphans from a plane at London's Heathrow Airport. A hundred orphans were flown to Britain from Saigon in a plane chartered by the Daily Mail newspaper. (AP)

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A congressman, accompanied by three Vietnamese children and their tearful American parents, ran into surprise opposition Monday when he tried to rally support of congressional aides for stepped-up "babylifts."

A black woman wanted to know why she didn't see black Americans adopting the children of mixed black and Vietnamese parentage. A black man inquired what guarantee there is the orphans will be treated better in the United States than in Vietnam.

A Vietnamese woman said all the people involved in the "babylifts" are on "a guilt trip." Another woman asked why only the orphans in Saigon, and not the ones in Da Nang, are being helped.

Another congressman wanted to know "what the hell are you going to do for those kids in Vietnam who desperately need some help and understanding?"

Other questions concerned the evacuation of 18,000 Vietnamese children in orphanages but not one million wandering around without orphanage care, and whether some children are being given up by Vietnamese parents who would raise them themselves if they had the money being spent on the "babylifts."

Rep. Paul E. Tsongas, D-Mass., organized the rally in a cavernous House meeting room to urge "administration officials to make an immediate commitment for the evacuation of additional Vietnamese orphans."

The other congressman, Rep. William A. Steiger, R-Wis., shouted from the audience that to merely urge going beyond what is being done now "and simply bring out every god-damned child" is not good enough.

Steiger, asking what would be done to help those in need in Saigon, accused Tsongas of using the baby issue as a "political football."

Tsongas brought back with him from the Easter recess three Vietnamese children and their adoptive parents from the Boston area.

Mrs. Carol Brandt of Concord, who adopted a Vietnamese girl, Lan, two years ago and had arranged to adopt one of the children killed in last week's C5 crash in Saigon, wept as she accused the United States of refusing "to accept special responsibility for Amer-Asian children"—the offspring of American soldier fathers and Vietnamese women.

Mary Alice Williams of Nitack stood behind Jessamyn, her half-black adopted child found in the Saigon streets 18 months ago. She wept as she said, "There are at least 18,000



Maria Nakian sits at her Stamford, Conn., home holding the Vietnamese orphan she and her husband Paul have adopted. The 16-month-old boy, whom they have named Christopher, was among 53 children flown to New York Sunday. (AP)

List Demands

Tenn. Prisoners Free 6 Hostages

Not All Are Infants

Life Begins at 8 For Matthew Ray

BALTIMORE SUN, APRIL 11, 1975

Viet refugee has second thoughts about Communist foes

By MATTHEW J. SEIDEN
Sun Staff Correspondent

Saigon—"For nine years I worked for the Americans and fought in the South Vietnam

"First the officials took off, then the soldiers, then the police," Mr. Tam said. "Every one was running, so we ran too."

wife and daughter were in one of the trucks."

Separated from the convoy, unable to find his family, wounded in the leg and abdomen, Mr. Tam said he walked

rilla from Quang Ngai. I could tell by his accent. The others were North Vietnamese. They didn't talk much."

"They told me to rest for

they sent me to a clinic they had set up along the road. The medic turned out to be some one I know from Quang Ngai.

"When I was ready to move

come harsh too, but what I saw there and here makes me want to go back."

Mr. Tam said he heard from other Quang Ngai refugees on

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RUTHANNE GASPER

Woman's death confirmed by telegram

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gasper, 1081 1st Ave. SE, parents of Ruthanne Gasper, 28, have received a telegram confirming the death of their

... will be David Mors, Dean Mors, Hendrick Lange, Kermit Hansen, Warren Falk and Wayne Mors.

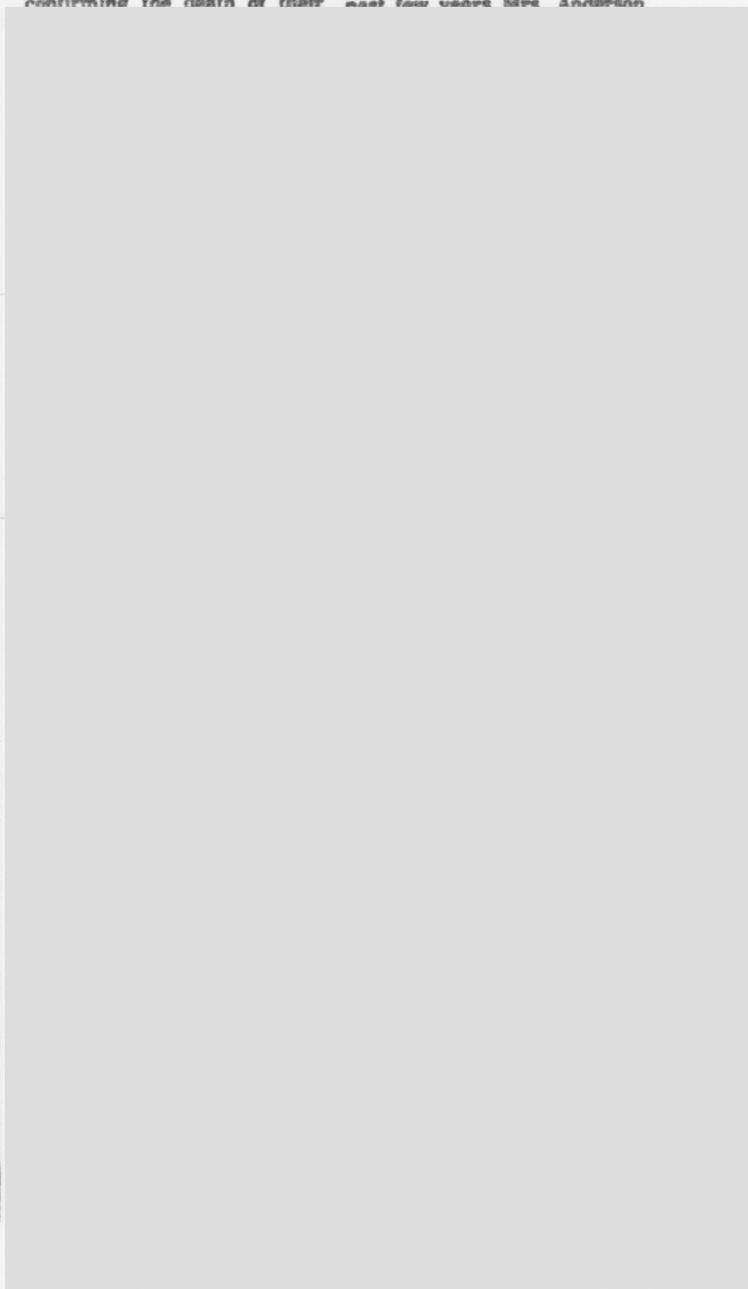
The Emanuel Funeral Home of Milbank is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Anderson was born Nov. 10, 1904, at Stockholm to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mors. She attended schools, north of Stockholm and married Charley Anderson Nov. 16, 1921, at Stockholm. He died July 2, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson farmed northeast of Stockholm until 1956 when they retired and moved to Watertown. For the past few years Mrs. Anderson

RUTHANNE GASPER

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Los Angeles	63	50	..	cdy
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Orlando	90	68	..	cdy
Philadelphia	69	31	..	cdy
Phoenix	64	46	..	cdy
Pittsburgh	52	27	..	clr
Portland, Ore.	64	37	..	clr
Portland, Me.	47	28	..	cdy
Rapid City	45	29	..	cdy
Richmond	57	38	..	cdy
St. Louis	58	36	..	cdy
Salt Lake	50	32	..	cdy
San Diego	62	55	..	cdy
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BRIBERY CHARGES DENIED

**Viet Officials' Children
Not in Airlift, Aide Says**

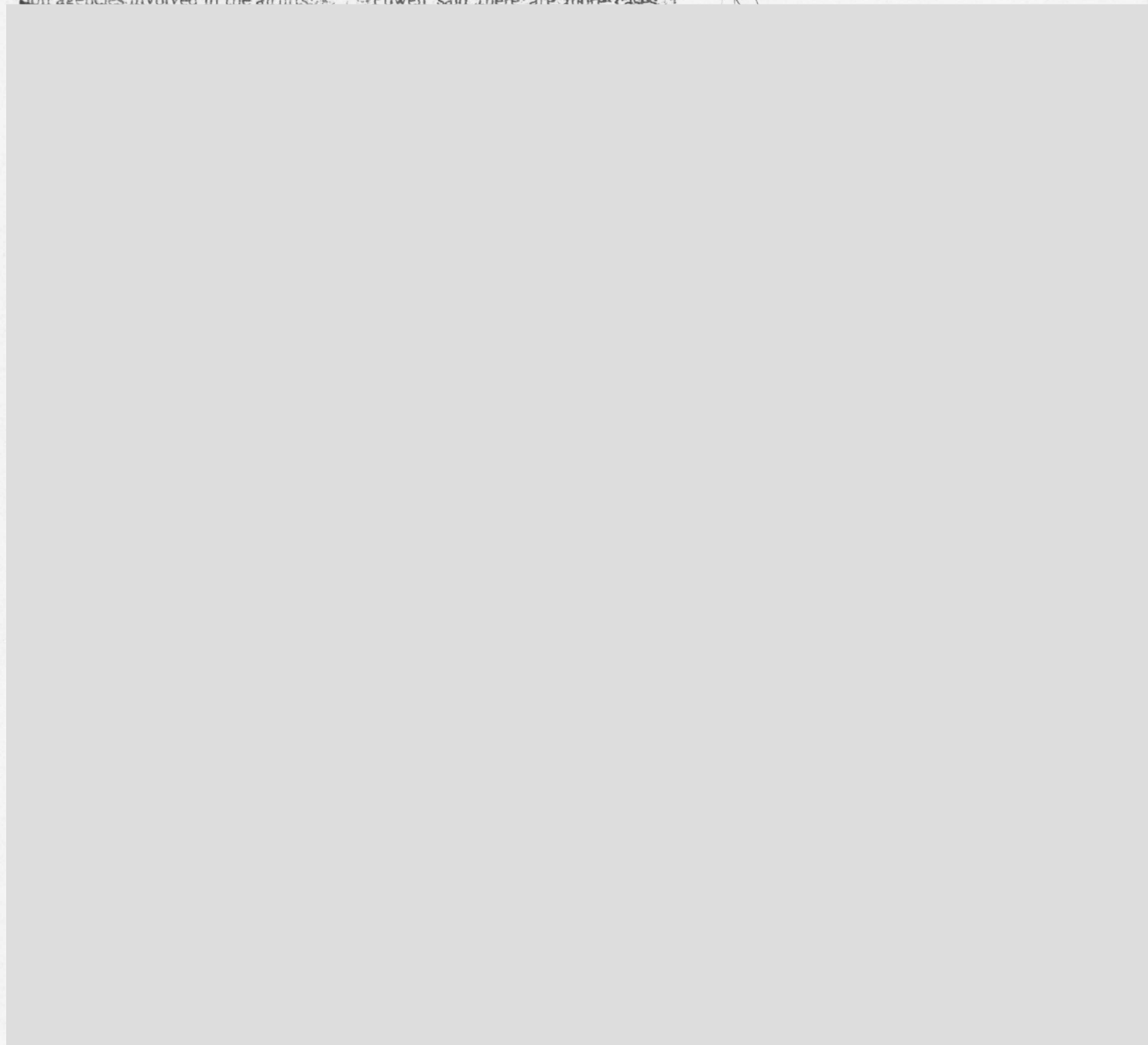
BY GRAHAME L. JONES

Times Staff Writer

Charges that political and military officials in South Vietnam are using blackmail and bribery to have their own children airlifted to the United States as orphans were denied Sunday by an official of one of the adoption agencies involved in the airlifts.

phanage in the hope of saving her. "Who is going to make the moral judgment on whether this child will be kept by her parents and allowed to die or placed up for adoption and given a chance for life?" Powell said there are more cases

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VITAL RECORDS

Deaths

Funeral Announcements

BAAR. Selma, beloved mother of Marlow (Barbara) Baar; fond sister of Beatrice Bernstein; also survived by 2 grandchildren, Stacy and Diane Baar. Mrs. Baar was a member of the Eastern Star, the Anna Pinzmetal Chapter of Haggadah, Hollywood Workers of the City of Hope, Council of Jewish Women, Sisterhood of Temple Beth Hillel and Temple Israel of Hollywood.

Service Sunday, 1 p.m. at Home of Peace Mausoleum Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to your favorite charity. **WALTON & SHUMAN, MANAGERS.**

Kennedy Disagrees With Ford's Vietnam Proposals

BY DARYL LEMBKE
Times Staff Writer

BERKELEY—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) expressed "three serious reservations" here Friday about President Ford's proposals for South Vietnam.

Referring to the President's Thurs-

\$722 million for military supplies) can only prolong the bloodshed and the agony of the innocent victims of war."

He said that as chairman of a Senate subcommittee on refugees he believed that assisting in "rebuilding

Catholic Agency Opposes Airlift of Viet Orphans

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—An official of Caritas International, the Roman Catholic relief organization, said Friday that both the church and people

Vietnam: Why the Refugees?

by Ed Block

"The fact that almost the entire population tried to get away from the Communists is an extraordinary indication of their belief in freedom, of the fact that they don't want to live under a Communist regime." -- V. P. Nelson Rockefeller, 4/2/75

There are many here in the U.S. who may find the flow of civilians into Sai Gon-controlled areas difficult to understand, or may even accept the Administration's explanation of why people do not remain in Provisional Revolutionary Government zones.

Based on my own personal experiences working with refugees as an A.I.D. official in south Viet-Nam, I discovered that this notion of a political motivation for the movement of refugees was pure propaganda, contrived to win U.S. public support for Administration policies in Indochina. In fact, after speaking personally with hundreds of refugees over a period of close to two years, I met very few who had left their homes due to a fear or dislike of the Communists.

A major reason for such massive civilians movements is fear of the fighting and a desire to find relative safety within the Sai Gon-controlled enclaves. Refugees are afraid that once the Sai Gon forces are gone, the PRG-controlled areas will be subjected to massive bombing attacks and artillery fire. Indeed, in the past few days, their fears appear justified. Earl Martin, a Mennonite missionary, reports from Quang Ngai that two-thirds of Ban Me Thuot, the capital of Dar Lac province, has been destroyed by Sai Gon bombing. Press reports indicate that Pleiku, Kontum, and other former Sai Gon areas are receiving the same treatment.

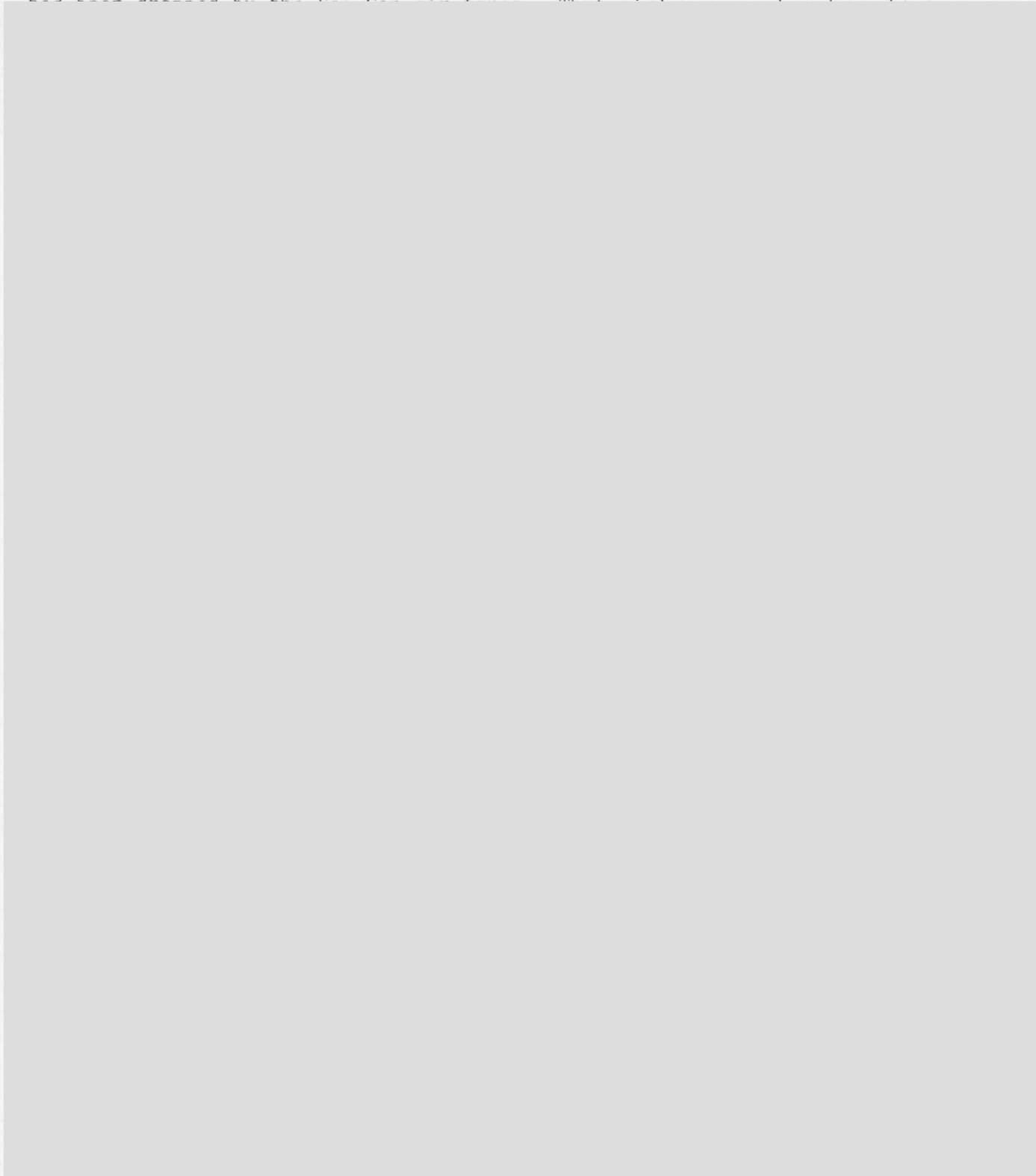
The PRG and north Vietnamese have no air force to bomb or burn villages and cities -- and never have. It is primarily the impact of massive air bombardment in rural areas by the U.S. and Sai Gon air forces which has caused the huge population displacements we have witnessed over the past ten years. And it is this fear that Sai Gon will destroy Hue, Pleiku, Kontum, Ban Me Thuot, Da Nang and other areas from which its troops are withdrawing that is now causing people to flee.

In the past, the U.S. and Sai Gon governments have frequently bombed or shelled populated cities and villages after their troops have been removed. The continuous Sai Gon air raids over the PRG city of Loc Ninh is one of the most recent examples of this strategy, but there are many other instances which can be cited.

In Tet 1968, much of the city of Hue was destroyed during the U.S.-Sai Gon counter-attack to recapture areas they had lost in the initial fighting. Thousands of civilians who had stayed in their homes when the U.S.-Sai Gon forces retreated were subsequently killed or injured during this counter-attack. Certainly, the people of Hue have not forgotten that tragic experience, and are now leaving the city to escape from being caught in another Sai Gon air blitz.

In 1972, Quang Tri was completely destroyed by U.S. B-52 bombs and Sai Gon artillery fire, killing more than 25,000 civilians who had remained in the city when it was taken over by the PRG/NVA. Those who were able to escape were not running from the Communists, but from the rain of death and destruction that was being poured on them by the U.S.-Sai Gon military forces. After inspecting the rubble of what had once been his home, the Quang Tri Red Cross Director told me that many people from his province firmly believe the Americans are attempting to commit genocide in Viet-Nam.

Also in 1972, a picture was internationally published showing a young girl running away from her village with her back aflame from burning napalm jelly, that had been dropped by the G.I.s.



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Torrent of Refugees in South Vietnam Laid to Fear of War, Not of Communism

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1975

PANIC IS BELIEVED TO DOMINATE FLOW

People Seem Afraid Mostly of Being Left Behind as 'Everyone Else' Goes

Special to The New York Times

SAIGON, South Vietnam, March 25 —The hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese streaming from their homes to

The evacuation of Hue seemed to typify this.

"We began to realize that government offices were moving away and that the army was moving out, an elderly woman said. "So the people just started to move, too — government and soldiers' families first, and then many others. People just didn't want to be left behind, with everyone else going.

"We don't know what will happen, but there are rumors that the former Vietnamese Emperor is returning to the throne in Hue. Maybe that's good, maybe it's bad. Who knows. But whenever things change, poor people suffer." The former Emperor, Bao Dai,

whether we could continue to move."

People do not talk much about why they are moving, unless asked by outsiders. They seem caught up in the chaotic momentum of escape, in which families are divided, children are lost and life is changed

forever.

"Since I left my village I have been putting one foot in front of the other for four days," a man said as he dragged his cart into Da Nang. "Why do we go? We go because it is time to go, that's all."

"I'm not as afraid of the North Vietnamese as I am of our own soldiers," the owner of Nha Trang's fashionable La Fregate Hotel told the Chicago Tribune's Ronald Yates.

"That's why I'm clearing out tomorrow. I don't want to be robbed, beaten or killed by President Thieu's crazy

Phila.
Inquirer
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Washington Post, April 1, 1975