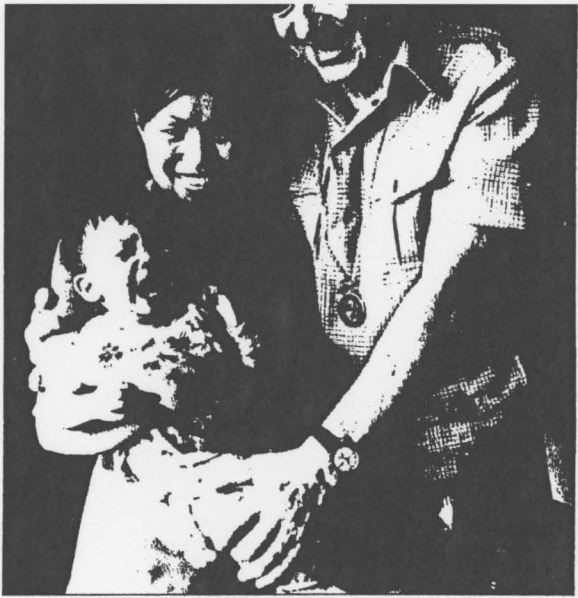


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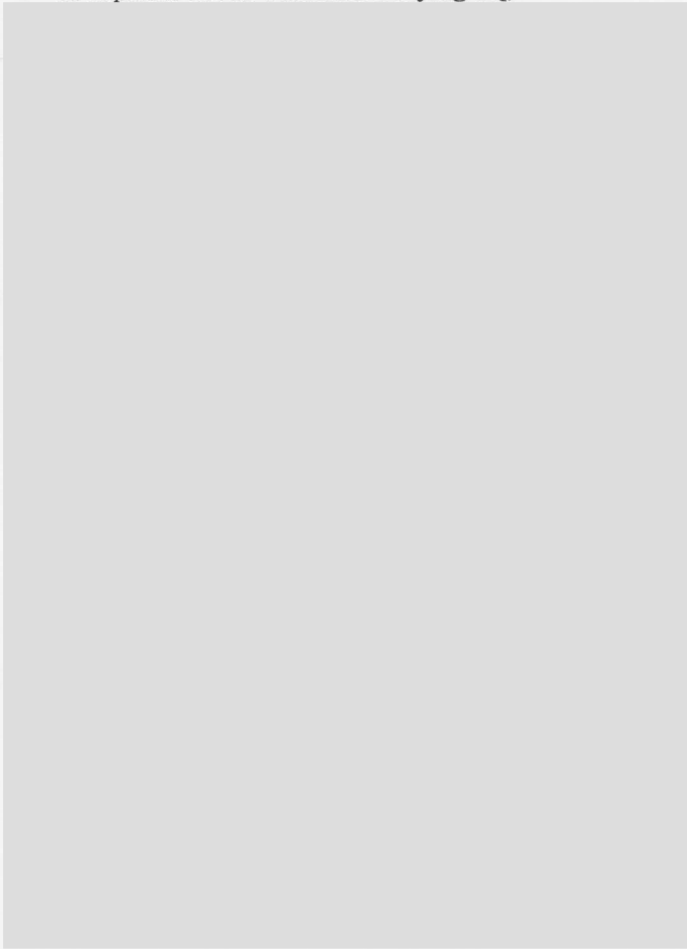
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# 'Somebody had to do it'

By **COBEY BLACK**  
*Advertiser Columnist*

The day the shooting stopped, I had dinner with a swashbuckling Irishman who for an agonizing month was the conscience of the world.

'Hubba-hubba, chop-chop, mucky-mucky' and a few other things, and they'd drop everything and laugh. It slowed things down to 11 minutes and 38 seconds, so I didn't break my own company's record.

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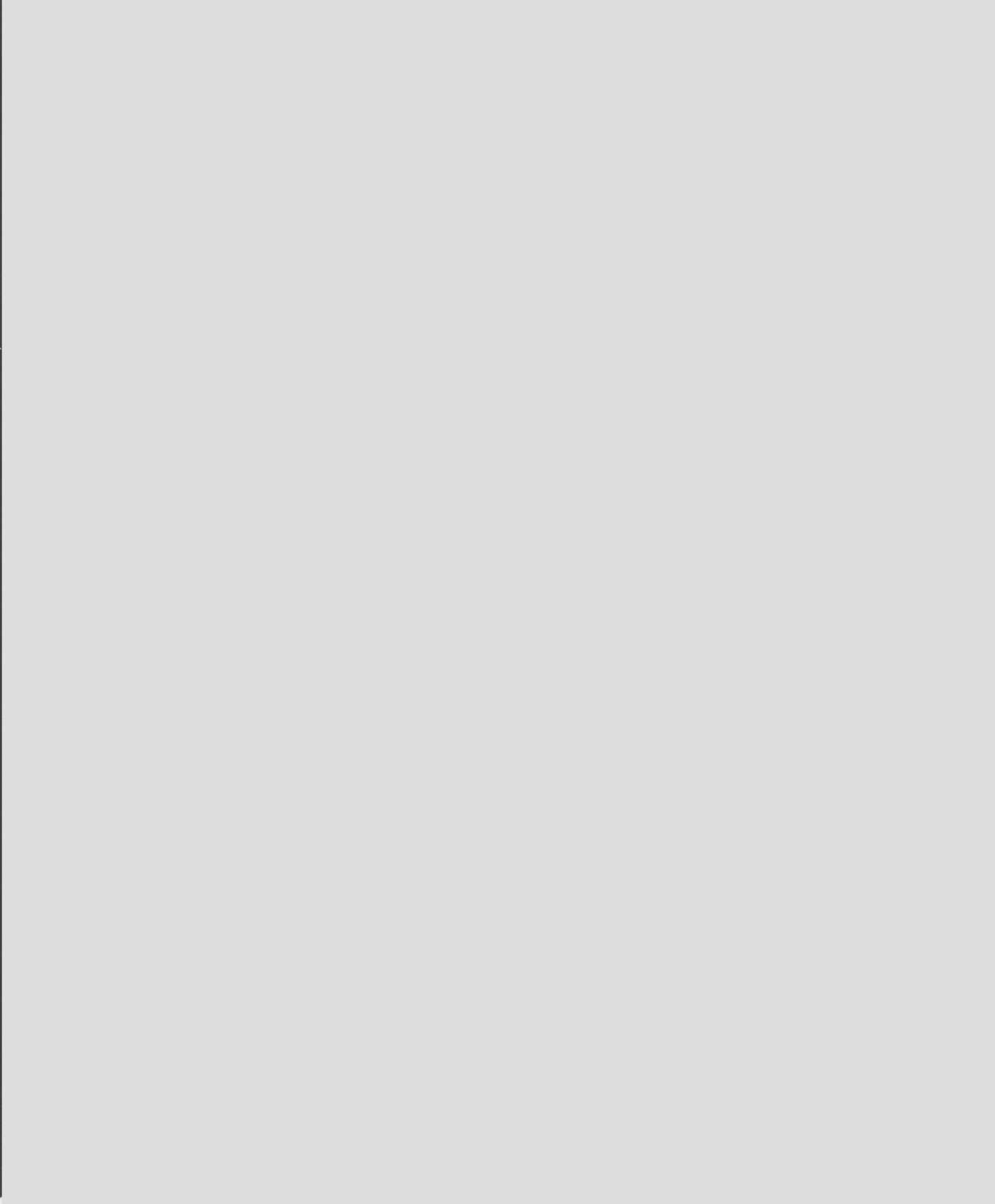
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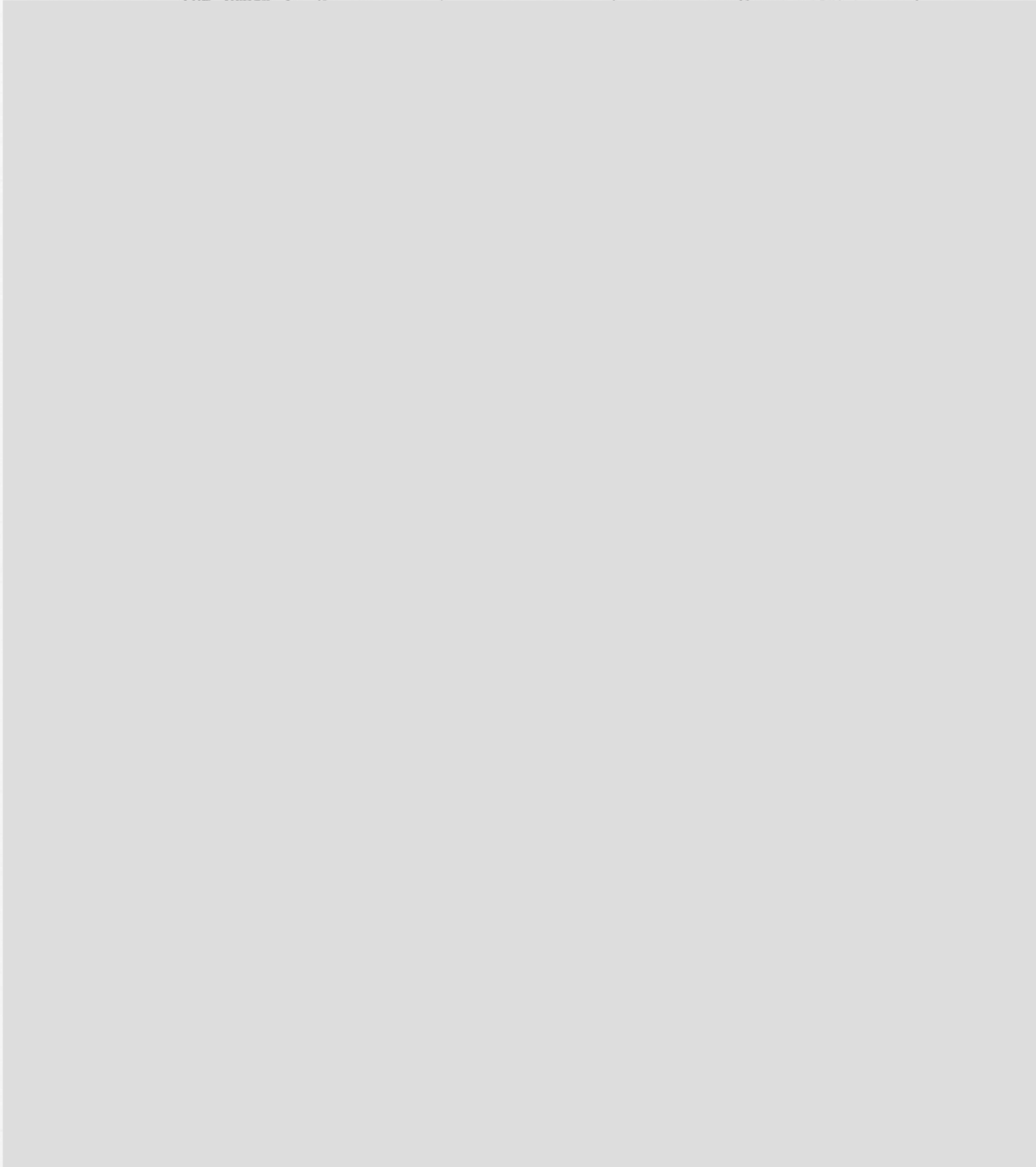
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The order

Following the hearing, Judge Finesilver ordered the two Colorado organizations to produce 10 files on the children in their care to show how complete they are and to determine how the files have been developed and used.

The files were to be used by the plaintiffs in the San Francisco hearing last week.



# Mother of Exiles

By ART BUCHWALD

WASHINGTON—The Statue of Liberty was gazing toward Europe when I tapped her on her shoulder. "Ma'am," I said, "if you look the other way, we have about 55,000 Vietnamese refu-

"These people need refuge," I protested. "Their lives are in ruins. Remember a few weeks ago when they flew in orphans from Vietnam and Cambodia? Nobody seemed to object to that." "It's not the same thing," the statue said. "It's...



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**ARMY SPECIALIST LINDA CASEY CARRIES ORPHAN TO NURSING HOME**

The Vietnamese infant, Nguyen Thi My, was last arrival in seven-year-old program.

# Laughter, Tears Are Absent As Vietnamese Babylift Ends

By DAVID CUPP

| The scene was to repeat itself from a Denver doctor who had

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## Let the Children Come

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No sooner did we announce these plans than formidable opposition devel-

oped in carrying out rehabilitation programs in Hiroshima and, in particular, of our "Moral Adoption Program," in which readers of the magazine agreed to help in the upbringing of Hiroshima children who had been orphaned by the bombing. Finally, I told the President we were fully cognizant of the risks involved in plastic and rehabilitative surgery, as were the Hiroshima Maidens and their Japanese families. Nor were we minimizing the problems they would have in adapting to American society. But the Quakers were experienced in dealing with such situations. We felt confident that the problems, while difficult, were manageable.

The President gave us his full backing, and the disfigured and crippled girls from Hiroshima were brought to the United States. During the full period of their stay in this country, there was not a single case of homesickness or cultural shock. The experts turned out to be completely wrong. All their academic training hadn't taught them the one lesson that should both precede and transcend specialized knowledge: love and warmth can negate cultural shock. The experience of the Hiroshima girls in living with their American families enabled them to bridge gaps between the two societies.

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The "Hiroshima Maidens" at a reunion fifteen years after their visit to the United States for plastic and rehabilitative

Viet Airlift

## Orphans Called Genuine

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# There's profit in Vietnamese 'orphans'

By Robert Hollis

What does it cost, and who benefits, when an American family adopts a Vietnamese "orphan?"

The cost for the entire process, which can take years, can exceed \$2,000 for each child, according to adoption officials here and in Colorado. The latter state is the home of two of the largest international adoption agencies.

But it is becoming increasingly evident that someone — no one is yet sure who — is making a profit off some of the 2,700 Vietnamese children who were airlifted under "Operation Babylift," during the dying days of the Saigon regime.

And one agency, Friends of the Children of Vietnam, is under investigation by Colorado officials, it was learned.

The investigation, under the direction of the Colorado Social Services agency, stems from dozens of complaints by persons involved in the massive volunteer effort in Denver that aided FCVN.

"Each day the complaints grow," said Rick Wedgel, a staff member of Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm's ombudsman's office.

They range from bills sent by adoption agencies that are not itemized (as high as \$800) to foster parents who discover they are not legal guardians after they've cared for a child for weeks, he said.

There appears to be little official interest in allegations of adoption irregularities in California, despite the fact that more than 1,100 "orphans" were processed through the San Francisco

Presidio alone.

Testimony at a federal court hearing here on Monday revealed that only the Immigration and Naturalization Service is making any attempt to find out the true identities of the Vietnamese children.

No federal agency, however, is looking into the financial dealings of the seven

international adoption agencies that sponsored all of the "orphans" that were airlifted to the United States during April.

U.S. District Judge Spencer Williams is expected to rule today on a request for a preliminary injunction filed by a Vietnamese woman asking that all adoption proceedings involving Vietnamese refugee children be

stopped until the alleged non-orphans can be weeded out.

Mort Cohen, the Berkeley attorney for Muoi McConnell, the San Leandro woman who filed the suit, believes that "Operation Babylift" was both politically and financially rewarding to some people.

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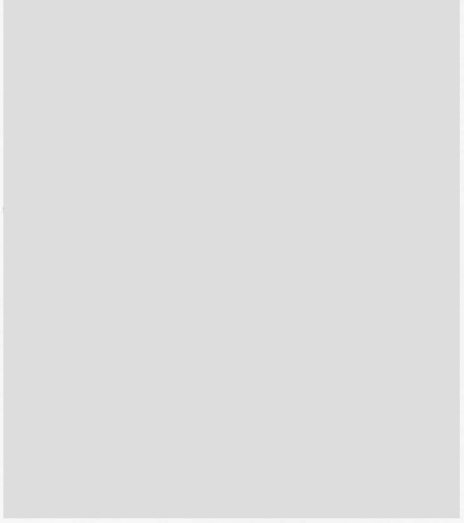
# Volunteers Exhausted,

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They're all "dead tired"—the 2,950 volunteers in the Denver area who have been working the last six weeks to help resettle homeless Vietnam children, according to the Mile High American Red Cross office.

Many volunteers hold full-time jobs, but have been called at any hour of the night



## But Viet Baby Work Worth It

And more recently, the project became more complicated because the tornado in Omaha, Neb., also required Red Cross attention.

What is the worth of a volunteer?

William put it this way at a small conference of project leaders.

The cash cost of the resettling project runs to about \$9,000 which International Red Cross will pay. But, he said that volunteers in the Denver area alone put in 35,000 hours and if this time were figured at the minimum wage, the cost of the project would be about \$110,000.

Mrs. Chapman gauged the value of a volunteer another way: "If you're a

learned to love them quickly with their "big, dark eyes."

"Instant motherhood, I like it," said one woman in the military services.

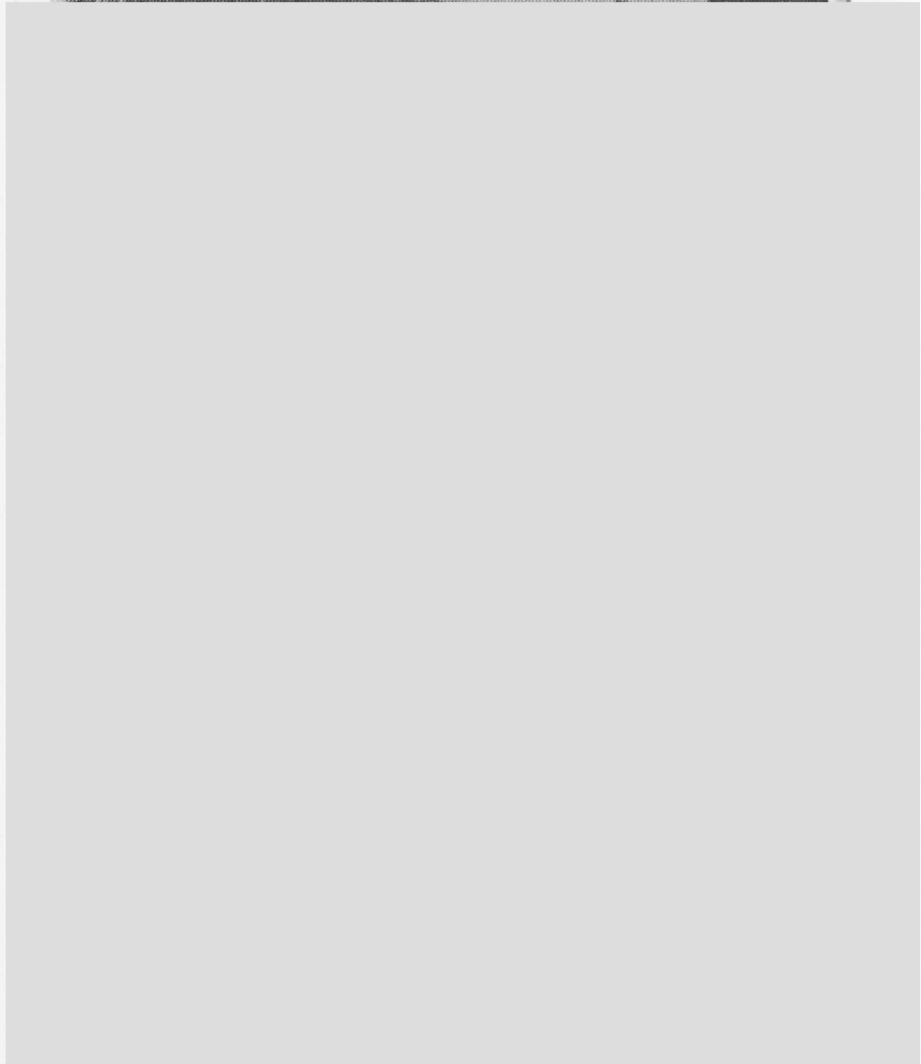
And, some young men from Lowry Air Force Base who had never changed a diaper enjoyed holding the babies after how-to-do-it briefings.

Mrs. Chapman said that the most exciting part of the whole project was the tremendous cooperation and dedication of the volunteers.

agencies and their volunteers, the receiving clinics, and Red Cross volunteers.

Mrs. Susan Taylor, a pediatrics nurse and also allied with Friends of Children of Vietnam, said that the children arrived mostly in good condition and without serious problems, although many had colds.

James Hudson of the Red Cross staff said that some 3,000 children had been processed in the United States and of these Denver received 600. Denver



**KELLY GIPE, 8, HOLDS LAST VIETNAMESE ORPHAN TO LEAVE THE CENTER**  
Baby was scheduled to go to Boulder. Kelly was helping at the center.

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