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minutes out of Saigon, World's controversial  
ved in Yokota, Japan to refuel before continuing across  
and, California. Daly (with hand still bandaged from  
1 Da Nang) helped unload two orphans considered too  
dehydrated to continue the flight. When healthier,  
ted to Oakland by wives of World crewmembers.  
most no sleep in two weeks, Daly met with reporters  
ght he was to become an American folk hero. He was  
ress as a "feisty, pistol-packing aerial wildcatter,"  
a throwback to those earlier Americans of animal spirits  
rying preposterous things . . ." His benevolent  
cratic red tape in the babylift venture was described  
ent of swashbuckling heroics which had disappeared  
lture in the 1940s." Thousands of letters, with  
id offers to help, poured into World offices from around  
2, the same day Daly's flying playpen arrived  
ational Airport, President Ford authorized a special  
airlift orphans out of South Vietnam.

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