

Betty Ford Shocked

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Betty Ford said yesterday she felt depressed by the "tragic, tragic" plight of refugees in Vietnam and that when she saw pictures of crying, orphaned children her reaction was that "I wanted to adopt them."

The First Lady flew here from Palm Springs as guest of honor at a luncheon of the Blue Ribbon 400, a group of social and civic women leaders which was instrumental in founding and maintaining the Los Angeles Music Center.

Afterwards Mrs. Ford talked briefly with reporters and said that, like everyone, she was shocked at the suffering of civilians fleeing the Communist drive into South Vietnam.

"The President is doing everything possible to get as many people as possible out by plane and ship," she said.

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