

Airline to Fly Orphans From Vietnam

SAIGON, South Vietnam, April 1 (AP)—The airline president who got the last refugee plane in and out of chaotic Da Nang says he will fly nearly 1,500 orphaned vietnamese infants to the United States and Australia tomorrow for adoption —with or without permission from the Governments involved.

"We're going to move out tomorrow," said Edward J. Daly, president of world Airways, a United States charter line that has been flying the supply run to Phnom Penh and refugee flights in Vietnam. "Let 'em stop us."

He said he planned to fly nearly 1,000 infants, most of them under 6 months old, to the United States in a DC-8 he is pulling from the airlift to Cambodia. The 400 and 500 others are to go to Australia in a Boeing 727. He said he would pay the cost of the flights.

Mr. Daly insisted that had given him permission to take in the children, nor has the Saigon Government yet given him promised per-

mission to take them out. "Permission" he said. "Do you think any government in the world would block these planes? I'll take it to the full United Nations General Assembly. I've been invited to the House and the Senate to give a report."

He said the Saigon Government had promised to grant the babies laissez-passer papers—passes—but had not delivered. He also said he had received word that the Australian Government would not grant him landing rights in Sydney. He plans to be aboard the flight to Sydney, saying, "If Daly is aboard, there's no further clearance needed."

A florid, gravel-voiced man of 52 who often carries a pistol, he runs what he describes as the largest independent charter company, and does it with a swash-buckling flair.

Against United States Government advice he ordered a Boeing 727 into Da Nang, Saturday and picked up almost 400 refugees. South Vietnamese soldiers

trampled women and children to get aboard and others damaged the plane before it limped away for a flight back to Saigon and a near crash landing.

He said the new batch of orphans would be collected in Saigon by Friends for All Children and Holt Children's Services. He said his daughter, Charlotte Behrendt of Oakland, Calif., the airline's headquarters, had taken an interest in the first group. "Most of them are spoken for adoption," he added.

He said nurses and doctors would be aboard both flights. He said the DC-8 would have tie-down equipment but no seats.

The United States-bound aircraft is to stop at World Airways's Asian headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, before flying to Oakland and Denver.

"What are they going to do with these planes?" he asked. "Shoot them down? Let these people live with their foolish conscience in the eyes of the world?"