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## 1950 More to Come 'Next Week'

# Other Orphans Due in Bay Area

Last night's planeload of Vietnamese orphans is merely the vanguard of some 2000 youngsters due shortly in the Bay Area, the U.S. Agency for International Development said yesterday.

The rest will be flown from Saigon to Oakland International Airport "probably next week," the agency said. \$2 million to finance the orphan airlift from South Vietnam.

The Red Cross has arranged to bus the children from the airport to the Presidio of San Francisco, where they will be fed, housed! and given medical checkups.

From San Francisco they will go to families throughout the United States and Canada that have already offered to adopt them, according to Duane Grant, of Friends for All Children.

Grant's wife, Wendy, is director of the Colorado-based Friends for All Children, a volunteer agency that places South Vietnamese orphans with adoptive parents.

She is in Saigon, working out the last-minute administrative details to get the youngsters out of South Vietnam here yesterday.

The children will be housed in Harmon Hall, an Army reserve building at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The Medical Society of San Francisco has arranged to staff Harmon Hall with volunteer doctors and nurses to care; the children—aged 3 months to 5 years—when they arrive at the Presidio.

The Salvation Army contributed 10,000 diapers.

Mattresses are laid out in Harmon Hall so the children

can sleep after the day-long flight.

"Beds were ruled out because most of the children are small and might fall off," said Major Michael Williams, a Presidio public information officer.

"These are very small children and that is a long flight," said Dr. Lorraine Smookler of the San Francisco Health Department, who is working with the medical volunteers.

"Some are bound to get upset stomachs or diarrhea."

If any of the children are seriously ill, Dr. Smookler said, numerous San Francisco hospitals have offered to care for the tiny patients.

Grant urged adoptive parents to remain at home and wait for Friends for All Children to telephone and tell them when and where to

meet the children.

Decisions on whether the parents will be asked to come here and pick up the children or whether the children will be flown to their new homes will be made later, Grant said.

With each news account of refugees fleeing from a threatened South Vietnamese city or province, the number of Americans seeking Vietnamese orphans has increased.

American couples have been swamping telephone lines of adoption agencies from New York to California to seek adoptive children.

Whatever efforts are made, however, the problem will still remain. In Saigon alone, one adoption agency estimates there are "3000 to 5000 orphans running in the streets. They don't have place to go."