Planeload of Vietnamese Orphans on Way to U.S.

By The Associated Press

TOKYO, Thursday, April 3-A plane carrying 57 orphaned Vietnamese children to new homes in the United States left Saigon without official clearance and reached Japan early today on the first stage of the 8,000-mile flight.

The children, ranging up in age from three months, and most already spoken for by adoptive parents, were loaded onto a World Airways DC-8 jet plane in almost total darkness last night because Tan Son Nhut Airport in Saigon was on full alert.

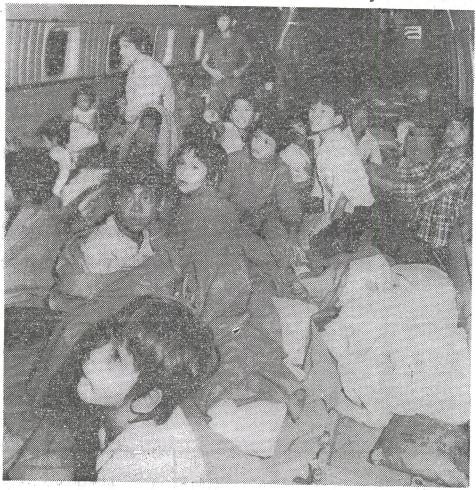
[Adoption agencies in the United States involved with Vietnamese orphans are being swamped with telephone calls from Americans eager to care for the children. Page 32.]

The orphans traveled on the blanketed cabin floor of the cargo plane, each with a pillow. Some were chattering with excitement in Vietnamese.

A few minutes after the children had been put aboard a stewardess called from the rear of the cabin, "Any Pampers? It's diaper-service time already for this one."

Edward J. Daly, the president

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Orphans from South Vietnam aboard World Airways DC-8 that left Saigon with them last night. They are shown as the jet stopped to refuel in Japan on way to the U.S.

Airline Bringing 57 Orphans To U.S. From South Vietnam

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of World Airways, a charter airline, went to lend a hand with
diapering—something he said
he had not done in 25 years.

As the jet plane prepared to
take off for the 25-hour flight
to Oakland, Calif., by way of
Tokyo, the airport was closed
down because a Vietcong attack was feared, and all nonmilitary people were ordered

flying the 500 babies out, Mr.
Daly and his associates canvassed other organizations and
gathered together 57 infants.

Most came from orphanages
run by the Seventh Day Adventists and World Vision.

Mr. Daly, who said he was
paying for the \$70,000 journey
from Saigon to California with
his own money, had loaded

Mr. Healy, 52 years old, who flew refugees out of China in to go on to Honolulu and Oakthe late nineteen forty's and land. made the chaotic last flight out of Da Nang last week put the plane into the air anyway.

"I just didn't get the message in time," he said later with a smile. Mr. Healey is from San Leandro, Calif.

Doctors on Plane

The children rolled on their backs as the plane took off.
About 20 adult passengers, inNow t cluding two physicians, watched over them during the flight.

There was no crying on the trip to Yokota Air Base, a big United States installation on jet. Tokyo's western outskirts, where the jet was refueled. Most of the children slept most look at the lights.

Plans by World Airways to his air freight and charter airlift 500 more children from service has its headquarters. Saigon fell through yesterday.
Mr. Daly said that the South vietnamese Government had given its approval for flying out the 500 orphans but that the limber you have it the 500 orphans but that the unless you have it. United States Embassy had "He doesn't like United States Embassy had caused a children's agency to cancel its plans for the flight wouldn't call him modest or the cancel its plans for the flight by charging that his plane was shy, but he's not boastful. He's not safe.

Mr. Daly said Tuesday night he would fly up to 1,500 orphan children to the United States and Australia in two planes. However, the flight to Australia was canceled after Mr. Daly also gathers up 1,000 children each Christmas and sends them to the Oakland Symphony to hear the "Nutrefused to give permission for cracker Suite" And when he refused to give permission for cracker Suite." And when he the plane to land. He later reheard that a home for young vised downward the number of county wards of the court did children to be flown to the not have swimming facilities, United States.

A spokesman for the United Mr. Daly's wealth is estimat-States Embassy denied that the ed at up to \$500-million. World embassy had blocked the de-parture of the 500 babies, say-ing that Friends for All Chil-Daly owns 80.5 per cent of dren, a charitable organization World Airways and large perhelping Americans adopt chil- centages of several subsidiaries.

of World Airways, a charter air-flying the 500 babies out, Mr.

military people were ordered his own money, had loaded milk, soft drinks, baby food and off the base.

The pilot, Ken Bealy, said he was told by the Tan Son Nhut Airport tower: "Don't take off. You have no plane. Pallets were laid across the floor, covered with blankets and pillows for the small passesses." sengers.

Daly Began With One Plane

OAKLAND, Calif., April 2 (AP)—Edward J. Daly was a World War II Air Corps sergeant who bought a surplus plane after the war and built. up what is now called the world's largest charter op-

Now the millionaire president of World Airways, he hoped to rescue 1,500 Vietnamese to rescue 1,500 Vietnamese orphans, but was able to take only 5.7 children out in his DC-8

Mr. Daly, who was born in Chicago in 1922, was a semi-professional boxer in his youngof the way. But at Yokota some er days. He lives in Orinda, an Scrambled to the windows to Oakland suburb, where he has a luxurious estate and where

gregarious, an outgoing, good

he built them a swimming pool.