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New Arrivals Of Orphans--

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The airlift of Vietnamese orphans to the United States continued through the weekend with many of the arriving children in need of immediate medical attention.

Forty-seven were taken to eight hospitals and are now improving, according to Dr. Alex Stalcup of the University of California Medical Center, one of 200 volunteer physicians.

Two flights carrying a total of 146 orphans landed at Travis Air Force Base near Fairfield yesterday afternoon.

The first C-141 Starlifter touched down at Travis at 1:58 p.m., and 53 children came off. Volunteers carried 18 infants, wrapped in dark beige blankets, off the huge plane and into four Army buses.

At 4:13 p.m. the second Starlifter arrived, carrying 75 children, including 19 infants. After a brief medical inspection, all these youngsters were whisked into waiting buses—two from the Army and two from the Air Force.

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phans were taken immediately to Harmon Hall at the Presidio of San Francisco, where they will be housed temporarily until arrangements are made for them to meet their adoptive parents.

A medical team which boarded the planes reported that none of the youngsters had any serious medical problems.

An earlier flight, carrying about 320 orphans, set down at San Francisco International Airport Saturday night and was greeted by President Ford.

Mr. Ford entered the Pan American Airways 747 jumbo jet and emerged in a driving rainstorm toting a year-old girl in yellow pajamas. After someone wrapped the child in a blanket, he paused for photographs while carrying her to a nearby bus.

It was from this earlier flight that 47 children were

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taken to hospitals. The youngsters were suffering from dehydration caused by diarrhea, infected sutures, chicken pox and similar childhood diseases and pneumonia, according to Stalcup.

But by late afternoon, at least a half dozen of the children had been discharged from the hospital and all had been taken off the critical list.

"The remainder are improving rapidly and all of them should be released from the hospital within 48 hours," a Preyidio spokesman said last night.

Some of these children are survivors of the Friday crash of an Air Force C-5A Galaxy just outside Saigon. The plane carried 243 orphans, about 100 of whom survived.

Stalcup said at least half

the orphans who arrived on the Pan Am flight—the first since the disastrous crash—should "by American standards be in a hospital right now."

But he added "by Vietnamese standards they are the cream of the crop."

Stalcup issued an urgent plea for more pediatricians and nurses to supplement the 200 doctors and nurses who have already volunteered to attend the orphans.

"Our resources are now stretched to capacity," he said.

A giant jetliner landed in Seattle shortly after midnight with 407 orphans on board.

When a fourth planeload arrives in Vancouver, B.C., early today, this will bring to nearly 900 the number of South Vietnamese orphans who have crossed the Pacific since last Wednesday.