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**52 WAR CHILDREN  
FLY INTO KENNEDY**

**Vietnamese Meet Adoptive  
Parents After Tiring Trip  
Halfway Around World**

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A tired group of 52 Vietnamese children met their new American parents yesterday at Kennedy International Airport.

The children, who had been flown halfway around the world after their evacuation from Saigon on Saturday, arrived in a chartered Pan Am 707 jet that touched down at 5:28 P.M. Others had been given to their adoptive parents or to temporary shelters during stops in Seattle and Chicago earlier in the day. (S APR

To preserve the privacy of the first meeting between the children and their new parents, the mothers and fathers were kept in a quiet room at the Pan Am terminal, away from the crowd of several hundred newsmen and spectators that pressed against barricades 50 yards away.

The late-afternoon sun streamed through the windows into the room as the children, ranging in age from a few months to 10 years, were handed over to the parents by the volunteer nurses who had tended them during the long journey.

The adoptive parents, who were among thousands who had applied to take the children, were informed as late as Friday that the new family members were on the way. (4 APR

**Mixed Reactions**

The children, some crying and sulking, other smiling, were taken near the barricade for photographs. The crowd of spectators oohed at each one, and some applauded.

One worker for the Westchester Department of Social Services who had accompanied two sets of parents to the airport to meet their new children, said that one of the adopted boys, 15 months old, was known to be handicapped from polio, and the other, 5, had been frequently ill in Saigon.

Ian Littauer, 10, of Larchmont, talked about how he felt waiting for the arrival of a new 8½-year-old brother.

"I feel happy about it so far, but it's not so much fun because my mother's been so nervous," he said. "I can give him the new chores, and it's nice to have someone to walk to school with."

He was worried, however, that children at school might tease the new arrival.

A half-hour later, Ian met his brother—Huynh Minh Hung—a wide-eyed solemn boy wearing a red sweater, striped baseball pants and leather sandals on his bare feet. The Littauers have renamed the boy John David.

Ian gave John a present he had bought at the airport—a toy plane of the kind he had arrived on. The boy, who speaks no English, looked confused, and Ian had to open the package for him. He looked at the plane without expression.

Later Ian put his arm around John, and they walked off together.

Another couple from upstate New York, Fred and Lois Langworthy of Abams, north of Syracuse, had come to claim two Vietnamese brothers, 6 and 8, whose new names were Adam and Christian. There was a foot of snow at home yesterday, and Mrs. Langworthy had brought along a suitcase full of snowsuits of various sizes to insure a proper fit. After trying on several of them, she dressed both boys in suits for the journey north.

**36 Hours on Plane**

The children had been on the jumbo jet for more than 36 hours. The plane was one of four carrying children that left Saigon Saturday. It stopped in Tokyo, at Guam—where two sick infants were taken off—and at Honolulu before reaching Seattle shortly after midnight yesterday.

In Seattle, 65 children were taken by their new foster parents, 14 others were hospitalized with chicken pox and intestinal illnesses, and 185 whose adoptions had not been finally processed were sent to temporary foster homes. \*

The plane then continued to Chicago, where 76 children were turned over to their foster parents, and on to New York.

Officials said in Seattle that illness—and sadness at leaving home—were common on the 9,000-mile flight across the Pacific. Frequent complaints were chicken pox, intestinal flu, skin rashes, impetigo and upset stomachs from a new bottle formula. At Seattle there was a three-hour delay in unloading as public-health officials ordered all children to get chicken-pox inoculations before they could enter the United States.

The jet was chartered by Holt Children's Service of Eugene, Ore., which runs a large adoption agency. Officials said the new homes of the children were in 26 states.

The children were accompanied on the flight by American volunteers who were leaving Saigon for home. The volunteers emerged from the flight exhausted after a steady regimen of feeding, changing diapers, comforting squalling babies and tending the sick.

\* 319 ON THIS FLIGHT - SEEX 6 APR