

Vietcong Aide Pledges Fairness For the Children Left by G.I.'s

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GENEVA, April 9—The Vietcong's representative here said today that the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam would treat the children left behind by American soldiers without "hatred or discrimination."

"We would raise them to be real Vietnamese who would contribute to national reconciliation," Pham Van Ba said at a news conference in response to a question about the American-fathered children of Vietnamese mothers.

In a statement Mr. Ba, who heads the Provisional Revolutionary Government's liaison office with the United Nations here, denounced the airlift of Vietnamese children to the United States as "kidnapping on a vast scale." He said the airlift was "serving evil political aims."

Asked whether the children of mixed Vietnamese-American parentage were viewed in a different way from other homeless children, Mr. Ba said that the children fathered by Americans, black and white, and South Korean and Thai troops who fought in South Vietnam were "all victims of the war."

"We have no hatred," he declared. "We are ready to give these children all our help and to raise them to be real Vietnamese patriots eager to serve their homeland."

Asked if Western journalists would be given visas to visit South Vietnamese areas under Vietcong control, Mr. Ba said it was "in our interest" to receive foreign newsmen. However, he said, because of the unsettled conditions and the difficulty of insuring the newsmen's "security," it is not possible to have them visit now.

Meanwhile, spokesman for the United Nations agencies involved in the international effort to get emergency supplies to refugees in South Vietnam announced that the agencies were stepping up the tempo of their mercy missions.

"We are getting a regular

emergency operation under way with planes and ships now leaving from many points with supplies for both sides in South Vietnam," a spokesman for the United Nations Children's Fund, known as UNICEF, said.

The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has already spent half of the approximately \$5-million it has received so far for operations in Vietnam. "The remainder will be spent shortly, so we have an urgent need for funds," a spokesman for the office said.

Planes Sent From Copenhagen

Two plane loads of food and emergency supplies, one for relief in areas controlled by the Vietcong and the other for Saigon, were dispatched by the high commissioner's office from Copenhagen. They are being followed by a second shipment by air from the Danish capital for the Provisional Revolutionary Government, according to the spokesman.

The total value of the supplies carried on the three flights was put at \$250,000.

The United Nations Refugee Agency has purchased \$800,000 worth of powdered milk, processed meats, antibiotics and vitamins in Australia with a donation of \$1.35-million from the Australian Government. Half of the supplies are to go to each side in South Vietnam.

The Australian Government has also given another \$1.35-million to pay the costs of transporting the supplies, the agency said.

The UNICEF spokesman said that although shipments were being speeded up, "unfortunately all do not go directly to Vietnam because we must await the authority of one or the other governments before landing them."

"We are now discussing landing rights in Hanoi for planes that the Australian Government has offered us," he said.