

## 'Too Old' Orphan Finding New Home

Lincoln, Neb. (UNNAMED)

An 11-year-old Vietnamese girl who was rejected by her prospective parents because she is "too old" when she arrived in Nebraska this week may soon find she has a permanent home.

"We love her and we want to keep her," Lynda Myers of Lincoln said. "We think she's beautiful."

The solemn, slender, glossy-black-haired youngster arrived at Lincoln Municipal Airport Wednesday night, the temporary charge of State Senator John DeCamp of Neligh.

Chi was to be a replacement for a 5-year-old girl destined for Nebraska parents. The younger girl was killed in Da Nang and the would-be American parents decided Chi was too old.

Mrs. Myers, DeCamp's secretary, said that doesn't make any difference to any member of her family.

Mrs. Myers' daughter Kelly, 13, said she wouldn't want Chi's age to be anything but what it is. Robin, 10, said she would be "crushed if Chi couldn't stay. And Michael, 6, said, "I might as well have three older sisters as two."

Chi has been staying with the Myers family and Mrs. Myers said, "I think she's as contented as she could be right at this point. But I don't really know if she

quite trusts us yet."

There are hurdles before Chi could become a permanent member of the Myers family so Mrs. Myers said no mention of the possibility has been made to Chi.

First, the Myers aren't the only ones who want her. Mrs. Myers said she's received calls from across the nation. Another problem is that DeCamp isn't quite sure of adoption procedures now that the family she was destined for doesn't want her.

DeCamp, who participated in the airlifts out of Saigon, is in the hospital suffering from exhaustion and won't be able to work on the matter until he gets out.

Little is known about Chi's background, other than what DeCamp could offer.

"She has been pushed from one orphanage to another for years," he said.

Yesterday she attended school with the other children.

"She loved it and I think she'll want to go back Monday," Mrs. Myers said.

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