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Doctors examine body of 3-year-old orphan who died en route to Los Angeles

329 orphans land in L.A.

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LOS ANGELES — A World Airways 747 jet jammed with 329 Vietnamese and Cambodian war orphans, one dead and many ill, arrived at Los Angeles airport yesterday in the first of several weekend Operation Babylift flights.

Thirty orphans, suffering from illnesses including chicken pox, measles, pneumonia and dehydration, were taken to eight

hospitals.

Six more seriously ill youngsters, including three in critical condition, were flown by helicopter to County-USC Medical Center.

Some children were transferred to another jet for a flight to Fort Benning, Ga., and 22 others were to go to Norway as soon as medical authorities gave them clearance.

Thirty of the children lift began.

were Cambodian orphans who were airlifted by the U.S. Air Force from Phnom Penh.

A 3-year-old boy died aboard the plane on its 12½ hour flight from Clark Air Force base in the Philippines.

The orphan's death, attributed to shock, brought to three the number of Vietnamese children who have died since Operation Babylift began.