

# 329 More Orphans Land in U.S.; One Dies En Route, 31 Found Ill

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LOS ANGELES, April 12 (UPI)—A World Airways 747 jet jammed with 329 Vietnamese and Cambodian war orphans, one dead and many ill, arrived at Los Angeles International Airport today in the first of several weekend Operation Babylift flights.

Thirty-one of the orphans, suffering from illnesses including chicken pox, measles, pneumonia and dehydration, were rushed to eight local hospitals. Six of the more seriously ill youngsters, including three in critical condition,

were flown by helicopter to County-USC Medical Center.

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

A 3-month-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 President Ford's Operation Babylift began.

One child, an orphan airlifted from Saigon earlier this week, died at Clark Thursday, and another fatality was reported in San Francisco, where a 2-month-old baby died from an infection that spread from her ear throughout her body.

A large medical team of U.S. Navy and Los Angeles County doctors and nurses was on hand as the huge jumbo jet opened its doors on arrival here today.