FIRST OF REFUGEES ARRIVE ON COAST

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190 Vietnamese, Vanguard of Thousands, Are Among 472 on Three Planes

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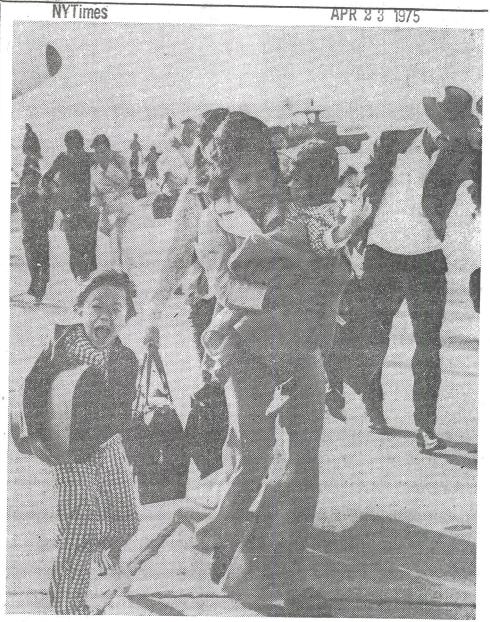
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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., April 22—The first wave of Vietnamese refugees, the vanguard of expected tens of thousands, has arrived here in the last 48 hours, with hundreds more aboard planes now coming from the Philippines.

The 190 Vietnamese were among 472 passengers on three planes that arrived late Sunday, yesterday and this moring, the Air Force said.

Some were accompanying American citizens who were also aboard the flights, some had full documentation for international travel, and some were alone, with other papers issued to them by the American Embassy in Saigon. The papers authorized the airplane to carry them to the United States without danger of being fined for introducing an illegal

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A South Vietnamese boy shouting for joy yesterday at Travis Air Force Base, in California, as he and members of his family arrived with other refugees.

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mitted in the "high risk" cate- when finished with their roles of the greatest when finished with their roles in it. they reach their destination in this country, said Gordon Davidson, deputy district diparted of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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first three planes in the refugee airlift were commercial charters and the third was a miliary craft. All had come from Clark Field, Manila, by way of Clark Field, Manila, by way of Clark Field, Manila, by way of the United States in Cambodia, who now are in Thailand, will be admitted, as will a regular airport receives an 3,000 Vietnamese who have gess said. "They come in, go citing their "relationship to established residents of this compared to the big jets. From partments of the big jets. From partmen

Officers here said they had been told that upward of 3,000 It appeared to persons who watched the process that many of the Vietnamese were indeed More than 1,000 have already departed for the United States, according to thesse sources.

telephone calls inquiring about from Manila to here in the next Some Vietnamese were met sengers is scheduled to arrive which they had worked in Viet- with 340 passengers at 6:25 nam. Some corporate representatives moved through the arrivals searching for Vietnamese tomorrow; a 747 with 340 passengers at 12:30 P.M. tomorrow; a 747 with 340 passengers at 12:30 P.M. tomorrow; a 747 with 340 passengers at 12:30 P.M. employes whose entry they had sengers at 1:05 P.M. Thursday,

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South Vietnamese dependents of American citizens with their belongings at Clark Air Base, the Philippines. They were waiting for places in a tent colony following their evacuation from Saigon.