

Suit Charges

Abduction

In 'Babylift'

Many of the children flown here from Vietnam are not actually orphans and were "abducted" against their will, a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court here charged yesterday.

Muoi McConnell, a Vietnamese nurse, asked the federal courts to hold up all adoptions until a search has been made by a "neutral international agency" to discover if parents or other relatives are still alive, and if so, to return the children to Vietnam.

She is the guardian of Nguyen Da Tuyen, 7; his brother, Nguyen Da Yen, 6, and their sister, Nguyen Da Vuong, 3.

"No efforts, let alone adequate ones, were made to reunite them with their parents before bringing them here," the suit charged.

Named by Oakland attorneys Dennis Roberts and Neil Gotanda as defendants were Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, Attorney General Edward Levi, Colonel Robert V. Kane, commanding officer of the Presidio, Colonel Jasper Horn, director of the babylift, and Mario Obledo, California's secretary of health and welfare.

Many children were removed from Vietnam "to prevent their being raised under a form of government of which defendants disapprove, and to impose upon them defendants' culture and government which are alien to their own," the suit said.