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Ky's Wife, 13 Relatives Arrive in U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (UPI)—The wife of former South Vietnamese Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky brought 13 members of her family on a refugee flight from Guam to Travis Air Force Base Monday night, an Air Force spokesman said today.

Authorities said Ky, who is an air marshal in the South Vietnamese air force, did not accompany his wife.

Mrs. Ky arrived aboard a Trans International Airlines DC-8 with 210 other refugees, said Lt. Col. Thomas W. Sturgess, information officer at the air base 45 miles northeast of San Francisco.

"She was treated just like everybody else—given no special attention," an Air Force spokesman said. "She went through immigration and customs at the base. She was with 13 members of her family."

The spokesman said Mrs. Ky was believed to be staying with relatives in San Francisco.

Her husband served as his country's premier in 1967. He was elected vice president under President Nguyen Van Thieu in 1968, but was not selected as a running mate when Thieu sought re-election in 1971.

In a speech to 6,000 persons at a Saigon rally Friday, Ky exhorted his countrymen to stand and fight against the North Vietnamese. He branded persons attempting to flee to America as cowards who would become "houseboys and servants" in foreign countries.

"If Hanoi refuses to negotiate a peace and demands a surrender we will fight to the death," Ky said. "Our backs are against the wall now and we are fighting for our very survival. So let the cowards who are leaving with the Americans go and let those who love South Vietnam stay and fight."

"The North Vietnamese may try to make us run by shelling Saigon, but don't fear that because each of you can make your house safe against it. Whatever you do, do not leave your homeland."

"No matter what happens you should stay here. Even if the Communists win, you should stay because at least they will be yellow-skinned Communists."

Mrs. Ky, the air marshal's second wife, is a former Air Vietnam stewardess.