

Plane With 123 From Saigon Lands Unauthorized at Clark

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CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines, April 29—Some 123 South Vietnamese men, women and children, including soldiers still in uniform, arrived today at this base in a plane that landed without clearance from the Philippine authorities.

The C-118 landed here after four Philippine Air Force fighters, which intercepted it when it entered Philippine air space, tried to get it to land at the Philippines' Nichols Air Base outside Manila.

First reports said the plane was an Air Vietnam airliner that had apparently been commandeered by the passengers but the Philippine liaison officer on the base said later that the craft was a special plane of the South Vietnamese Air Force.

United States Air Force personnel surrounded the plane and escorted its passengers to military buses that took them to restricted evacuee quarters on base. Later, Philippine

Government officials, who had arrived to see how the evacuation was going, interviewed the arrivals.

Chito Carimo of the Philippine Foreign Office told newsmen afterward that the Vietnamese arrivals would be allowed to stay 72 hours.

The government was still studying what to do with the plane.

The Philippine Air Force yesterday impounded a Bird Air DC-6 that flew into this base without clearance from Philippine Authorities. It carried South Vietnamese refugees.

Only six evacuee flights made it to this base this morning before Tan Son Nhut was made unsafe by Communist gunfire. They carried an undisclosed number of refugees. Base officials said that 5,200 evacuees remained of a total of 26,200 logged here since the airlift started three weeks ago.