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Red Cross Flies to Saigon

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BANGKOK, June 8—The first direct flight from Bangkok to

Saigon since the South Vietnamese capital was taken by the communists on April 13 was made yesterday when a DC-6 chartered by the International Red Cross flew there with four tons of powdered milk.

Two Red Cross representatives were on board. They met with the six-member Red Cross delegation in Saigon and with South Vietnamese Red Cross representatives and "discussed the possibility of further relief transports by sea and air," according to the organization's spokesman here.

The plane returned to Bangkok last night with the two officials. One of them will return to the organization's headquarters in Geneva to report on the visit.

Until now Red Cross planes carrying relief supplies for South Vietnam were permitted by the Communists to fly only to Hanoi in North Vietnam or to Da Nang in the South.

The spokesman confirmed that a number of foreigners were staying in the Red Cross compound in Saigon with the approval of local authorities.

He said that they were nationals of several countries whose embassies had closed and that they had all run out of money.

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He added that the Red Cross "is studying the possibility of providing assistance to foreigners without funds having no diplomatic representation in Saigon and willing to leave the Republic of South Vietnam by their own will—and I repeat, by their own will."

According to earlier reports reaching here, about 20 Americans have taken refuge in the compound in Saigon and they are believed to be eager to leave Vietnam.

Meanwhile, some former members of the South Vietnamese Embassy in Bangkok who are seeking political asylum in the west have told friends that they have been contacted by South Vietnamese Communists who have tried to persuade them to return to South Vietnam.

Some former embassy personnel are believed to have left already for France, Canada, or Taiwan, while others are applying for entry to the United States.

The former ambassador, Tran Ngoc Tam, who was reported to have committed suicide, is alive and in hiding in Bangkok, waiting to leave for exile in the West.