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Agana, Guam --

The would-be repatriates cheered from the decks of the Thuong Tin 1 as Guam Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo cast off the last line.

The North Vietnamese flag flew from the ship's stern mast and many of those on her decks stood at attention.

A North Vietnamese broadcast quoted Hanoi's official newspaper Nhan Dan as calling the U.S. decision to repatriate the refugees an "adventurous and irresponsible action fraught with serious consequences." But neither the agency nor the newspaper gave any indication whether the refugees would be permitted to land.

The vessel sailed without a captain in command since the repatriates decided earlier that decisions would be made by majority vote at sea.

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