

American Groups' Gifts for Vietnam

Washington

A coalition of 35 peace and religious groups said yesterday it is sending 3½ tons of medical and other equipment to Vietnam, marking the third anniversary of the Christmas bombings of Hanoi.

The group, Friendshipment, said all of the material in the plane leaving from New York last night, was licensed by the U.S. government and considered humanitarian aid.

Included in the aid shipment are sweaters, gathered by the American Friends Service Committee; medical equipment gathered by the Bach Mai Hospital Relief Fund; health kits, donated by Church World Service of the National Council of Churches; medicine, purchased by Clergy and Laity Concerned; antibiotics and kits for screening venereal disease, purchased by the Mennonite Central Committee and microscopes, purchased by the United Methodist Churches' Committee on Relief.

According to Friendshipment, the materials are being sent in response to requests by the Vietnamese and are consigned to the Red Cross Society of Vietnam.

In addition to the air shipment, Friendshipment also said it has sent 22 tons of blankets and clothing by ship.

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