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Refugees Cling to Plane

Reporter on Last Plane From Da Nang

By PAUL VOGLE

DA NANG, South Vietnam (UPI) — Only the fastest, the strongest and the meanest of a huge mob got a ride on the last plane from Da Nang today.

People died trying to get aboard and others died when they fell thousands of feet into the sea because even desperation could no longer keep their fingers clasped to the undercarriage.

It was a flight into hell and only a good pilot and a lot of

Suddenly it was a mob in motion—they roared across the tarmac on motorbikes, jeeps, motor scooters and on legs churned by desperation and panic.

Ed Daley and I stood near the bottom of the 727's tail ramp. Daley held out his arms while I shouted in Vietnamese, "One at a time, one at a time. There's room for everybody."

There wasn't room for everybody and they knew it.

Daley and I were knocked aside and backward.

loading.

He could not get back aboard in the pandemonium. He threw his camera with its precious film into the closing door and stood there and watched the plane take off.

We heard later that an Air America helicopter picked him up and carried him to safety.

As the plane started rolling, madness gripped those who had missed the last chance. Government troops opened fire on the

backup plane, saw one person lose his grip on life and plummet into the South China Sea below.

Healy radioed to Tan Son Nhut: "I've got control problems." The backup plane was shepherding us in.

Huong, in the cockpit of the backup plane, said later when we touched down safely the pilot and cabin crew on his plane pulled off their headphones. Some crossed themselves, and all thanked God for a small miracle delivered this Easter weekend.

INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN MARCH 28, 1975

Not everyone is leaving the Central Highlands or other areas taken by the PRG. The *New York Times* reported Mar. 26 that one-third of Hue's population

health services, kept the dozen or so health stations in the city in operation without interruption. . . . Meanwhile electrical engineers and workers went around

Boston Globe, March 20, 1975

Sources said Pleiku and Kontum City have been declared free fire zones. More than 50 bombing

New York Times, March 27, 1975

One knowledgeable South Vietnamese source said: "The Ban Me Thuot residents began leaving the city out of fear

Saigon aides deny charges of extermination bombing

Associated Press

SAIGON -- South Vietnamese officials yesterday denied Viet Cong charges

Other sources acknowledged that heavy air strikes were conducted against various installa-

renewed at a press conference yesterday by Col. Vo Dong Giang, deputy chief of the Viet Cong's delega-

MEANWHILE, IN LAOS.....

As those of you who have read my first report about the free choice that the coalition government here in Laos has

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BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE, March 23, 1975

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A cable, dated April 1, from an American Friends Service Committee team in Saigon reports that:

"The (Republic of Vietnam) policy seems to be to deny the Communists some population, and not to improve the lot of the refugees at all. The effort to move them is a cynical, immoral program."

The six members of the team were working, until recently, at the Quaker Rehabilitation Center in Quang Ngai, all speak Vietnamese and among them they total 16 years experience in Vietnam.

Earlier cables pointed out that many displaced persons are "moving back to their traditional homes in the liberated areas" and that particularly in the case of Quang Ngai, "The greater exodus was out...to the mountains and villages." In other words, to territory administered by the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

In a letter dated March 26 Tom Hoskins, a member of the AFSC team, puts it this way:

"Western observers and analysts say that the map of Vietnam is different every day as new areas 'change hands,' or are 'lost' or 'liberated.' They falsely assume that the areas to be colored red or blue, to be called 'communist' or 'democratic,' are a result of whose army controls which hill and whose munitions can destroy the other's camps.

"But there is no change in the map of Vietnam. There is a great change in the expressions of hope and anticipation, and yes, fear, for the future of Vietnam. The faces of the people are changing. The faces now reveal the true commitment to building a Vietnam...free of political oppression, free from hunger, ignorance, sickness --free from war."

-Excerpted from "Report From Vietnam" by Maris Cakars in WIN's 4/17/75 issue.

Dominican Republic, '65. Administration used the pretext of "protecting American lives" to land 500 Marines. A week later 23,000 airborne had arrived. And it turns out the Marines had been given a broader political purpose: to repress an insurgency movement.

OUR RESPONSE

1. Case-Church is the issue and it must be maintained.
2. Armed Marines sent into Saigon to evacuate Americans are bound to spark off further fighting, panic and casualties. Will there be more POW's? Will more Marines have to go in to rescue the first batch?
3. The aircraft carriers which have been moved into the area for "air support" can serve no useful role in evacuation. Air support means bombing. The 70 or so aircraft on such carriers are not cargo planes which could be loaded with refugees. Instead they are fighter-bombers with room for only pilots and crew.

The only significant way these aircraft could assist an evacuation would be to "soften" up the areas around Saigon and the exit corridor with highspeed bombing of surrounding "troop concentrations." This would have the inevitable result of also killing refugees who are being kept out of Saigon, and constituting U.S. reintervention.
4. Evacuation of Vietnamese closely identified with the U.S. would require even greater use of U.S. troops, unless their departure is part of a political settlement.

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This is a pro-left or pro communist group
in this area. I received a phone call after my
reply to orphan criticism in the Globe Times and
two large packets of "information" from them since.

I thought you would like to know what they, the
Quakers etc are saying about the orphans etc!

*St Paul
Dispatch
3-5-75*

War orphan flow to U.S. jeopardized

By James R. Hood

DENVER (AP) — Efforts to bring war orphans to the United States are being accelerated as the military situation deteriorates in South Vietnam.

"We have 200 to 300 families waiting for children. We're trying to get them out, but we don't know if we can make it," said Sally Bergner of Friends of Children of Vietnam.

"We don't know how much longer we can hold out."

MRS. BERGNER said food costs have risen 200 per cent at some Saigon orphanages in the last few days, creating a desperate shortage of funds.

Food supplies to the orphanages have been interrupted by the renewed fighting and thousands of refugees are pouring into Saigon, where many of the nation's 133 orphanages are located, she said.

The Denver-based Friends of Children organization has been ferrying about 10 orphans from Saigon to new homes in the United States each week for the past year, and hopes to accelerate the pace because of recent developments.

Weather

Cloud with rain ending today, partial clearing and colder after 30. Yesterday's high,

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THE SUNDAY SUN

BALTIMORE, SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1975

Gov. signs \$22.8 billion tax

Death-penalty is enacted, to Mandel

By ANTHONY BARBIERI, JR.
Annapolis Bureau of The Sun

— The House of Delegates enacted Governor Mandel yesterday legislation on capital punishment in Maryland.

The action, on an unexpectedly close vote, guarantees that the bill will become law, Governor Mandel has already said he will sign legislation if it reaches his desk.

The bill needed for enactment passed the House by a vote of 78

Sadat to reopen Suez Canal

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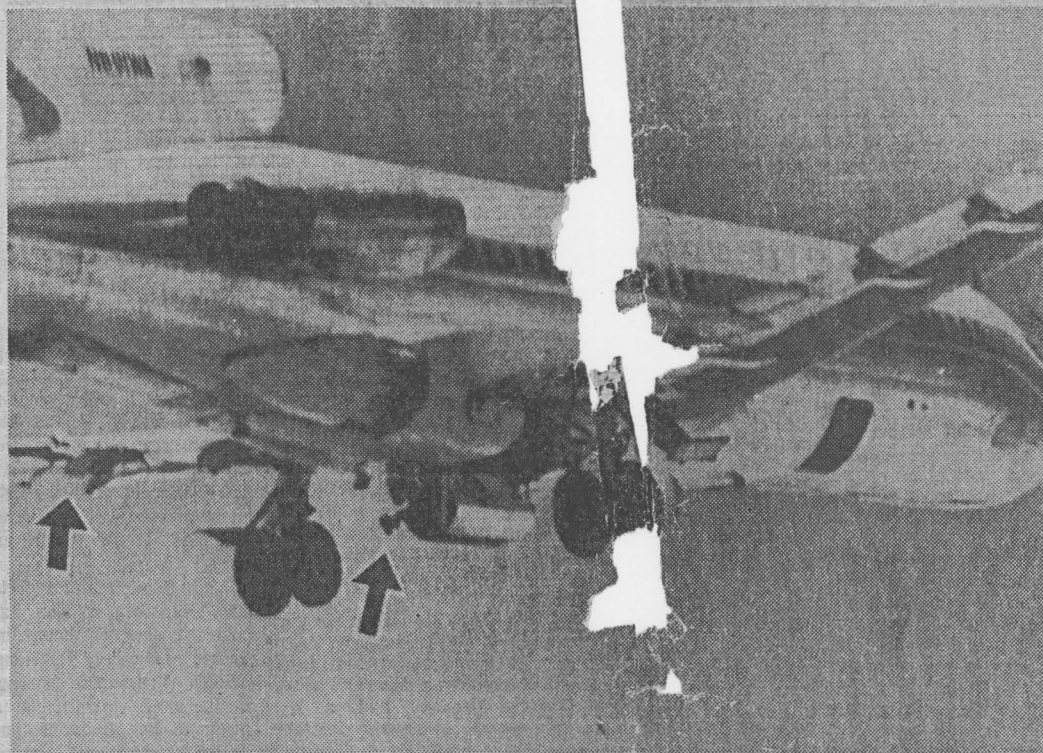
Cairo (P)—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat declared last night he would reopen the Suez Canal to international navigation June 5 and extend the mandate of United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Sinai Desert for another three months.

Mr. Sadat referred to the collapse a week ago of Henry A. Kissinger's peace mission as he told the People's Assembly,

Saudi oil pricing policy linked to U.S. support for Israel A3

"Some may expect an emotional reaction from me. But I prefer action to reaction." He added that he will "refrain from acting nervously."

The Ministry of Information later clarified Mr. Sadat's statement on the Suez Canal, saying Israel would not be able to use the waterway. He said its operation would be govern-



The feet of a South Vietnamese soldier (arrow, right) protrude from the wheel well of a Boeing 727 that was supposed to evacuate refugees from Da Nang. Instead soldiers stormed the plane to climb aboard. As the

jetliner took off for Saigon it was hit by a grenade thrown by a soldier trying to delay its departure so he could get on. The grenade damaged a wing flap (arrow, left). The plane landed safely in Saigon.

Mob of soldiers gains Da Nang exit

By ARNOLD R. ISAACS
Sun Staff Correspondent

Saigon—Thousands of panicking South Vietnamese soldiers and airmen, firing shots and flinging grenades, mobbed an American refugee evacuation plane yesterday in a frantic effort to escape from Da Nang.

The World Airways Boeing 727, one flap blown off its left wing by a grenade, limped safely back to Saigon from the Da Nang air base with dozens of soldiers crammed in the open baggage compartment

and seen hanging from the landing gear.

For the first 30 minutes of the flight, Edward J. Daly, the World Airways president, and other airline officials, and three Vietnamese were clinging desperately to the still-lowered rear loading stairs.

The fleeing soldiers, who flung away weapons and gear as they fought to get on board, prevented the plane from picking up the civilian refugees who were supposed to be flown to Saigon. Only 10 civilians were among the 330 passen-

gers—more than twice the normal load—who were on board when the plane took off, crew members said.

"I didn't see any refugees," said Joe Hrezo, the airline's manager at Clark Field in the Philippines, who made the flight. "All I saw was fatigue uniforms; that's all I saw. They were shooting at each other on the ground."

Jan Wollett, one of three cabin attendants, said the only civilians who managed to get aboard were 10 women, three babies and some old

men. "I was trying to hoist one woman over the side rail of the steps," she said, "when a man grabbed her around the waist and pulled her back down. Then he crawled on board. He was a soldier. It was a sad comment on human nature—I never want to see that again."

Once the plane was airborne, Miss Wollett said, the soldiers became anxious about their families and asked the crew if more flights would be going into Da Nang. "They weren't See DA NANG, A2, Col. 3

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broad- ville basketball game A3

Ford's A moderate earthquake shock Utah and southern Idaho, but no injuries or damage were reported. It was an aftershock of a quake two days ago that was the strongest United States quake in four years, scientists said. A4

When someone calls for a policeman in Milliken, Colo., a preacher responds. They are one and the same A4

President Ford's clemency program for deserters and draft evaders ends tomorrow with only a fraction of those eligible signed up at the weekend A5

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cking South Vietnamese soldiers, firing enades, mobbed an American refugee a frantic effort to escape from Da Page A1

ese units closed in on the panicky city /Vietnam, President Ford announced in dered United States Navy transports to and other threatened ports to carry urther south Page A1

ol has decided to leave Cambodia to for United States aid to his country, to the president said Page A1

Sadat of Egypt said he would reopen the tional navigation June 5 and extend the ed Nations peacekeeping forces in the aer three months Page A1

Soviet police forced about 250 Jews to leave the Mos- cow synagogue immediately after the conclusion of a spe- cial Passover serviceA2

Crown Prince Fahd, be- lieved to be the most influen- tial person in the new Saudi Arabian regime linked the future course of his country's oil pricing policy with the United States' support for Is- raelA2



South Vietnamese soldiers who fought their board an evacuation plane intended for refuge the besieged northern city of Da Nang, are arr

Tan Son Nhut Airport in Saigon. Another critically injured soldier who made the flight in the wheel well of the Boeing 727 also was taken away by troops.

Soldiers fight refugees to board rescue flight

DA NANG, from A1 the only control station were still on the steps when the plane became airborne. They spent 30 minutes trying to rescue a Vietnamese who

concerned when they were get- ting in," she said. "They said control; they would a

treating soldiers, Da Nang is defended only by part of the Marine Division and the 3d Infantry Division, the only rea-

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