

Operation 'Storklift'

No one is exactly sure how it got started, but some 15 Frontier reservations agents recently ended up playing "stork" — for new parents all over the western U.S.

The bundles from Heaven were Vietnamese war orphans, hundreds of whom were being cared for at staging centers operated by Denver-area agencies. But assistance was needed — mainly loving arms and quick transportation — to get the infants to their new homes in far-away cities.

Somehow, the agencies' call for help found its way through the grapevine to Frontier's Reservations Center in Denver. And after a landslide of offers by off-duty agents, babes-in-arms (of Frontier volunteers) were soon heading to such varied destinations as Phoenix, Bismarck, Dallas and St. Louis.

Typical of these trips was one organized in late April by agent Carolyn Boller. From the Friends of the Children of Vietnam and the Friends for All

Children came five St. Louis-bound tots, ranging from about a month to three months old.

Using their reduced-rate travel privileges and on their own time, five reservations volunteers bundled up the tots and hopped on a jet to St. Louis — and two hours later delivered them to five sets of anxious (and very grateful) parents.

On arrival, the scene was like most other "storklift" endings: there wasn't a dry eye in the terminal.

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Among reservations and other Frontier employees who helped out on the storklifts were: Shirlie Bryan, Helen Bryant, Marge DuBois, Cindy Demuth, Anna Forsythe, Diane Gregory, Diane Kellett, Judi Lundquist, Marge McAlister, Kay Morey, Mary Prince, Lois Taylor, Carolyn Crabtree, Shirley Shackelford and Vicki Shepit.



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ONE OF FIVE infants escorted by Reservations Supervisor Diane Kellett puts on his best finger-in-the-mouth pose.



HELPING OUT during an escort shortage was Evelyn Morey, Kay Morey's mother.



FLIGHT ATTENDANT Jo Snell gives "VIB" (Very Important Baby) treatment to a passenger.



BEING CUDDLED BY escort Mary Prince, this new jet-setter seems more interested in a food cart. ("So how come everyone else got Mateus wine while all they gave me was pabulum?")

TAKING AN irresistible "coochie coo" break are Captain James Langhofer and Flight Attendant Lydia Hawes.

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CHOW TIME —
Although baby bottles aren't standard equipment for "storks," Ms. Boller managed to fit the bill.



OPERATION "STORKLIFT": EPILOG - We now know how it got started. Triggering offers by numerous Frontier reservations agents to carry Vietnamese war orphans to their new homes was a call from Rae Tafoya, a Frontier crew scheduler. Ms. Tafoya had been contacted by a United Airlines flight attendant who was working with various refugee relief agencies in Denver.

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