

THE CHILDREN OF SONG ONG DOC (CONT.)

We made two visits to the small fishing village of Song Ong Doc. Local advisers requested medical assistance for the villagers and we responded. Our medical team was joined by other volunteers from the crew. The village is primitive by our standards but Eastern serenity lessens the contrast. By far the most moving memory that lingers is the legion of smiling vigorous children. They were everywhere and as warm and friendly and guileless as children the world over. For some of us it was the high point of the cruise.

