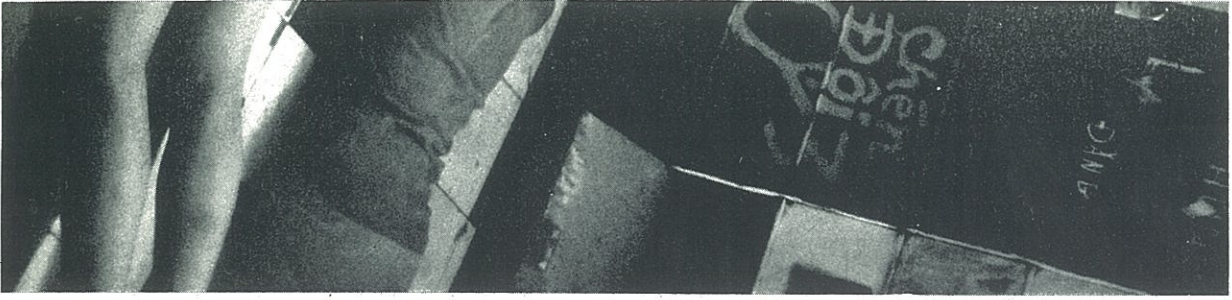


Dental care was something unknown to the boys until Hughes found volunteers like Dr. Pham Thi Than. She is working here on Nguyen Van Qui, 17, one of the original twelve who came to Hughes's house more than three and a half years ago.



Late at night, the boys at one of the houses relax in the security and familiarity of their own quarters. Some of them cannot remember sleeping on even so much as a straw mat before coming here.



Outings like this one to a coastal town 40 miles from Saigon are a new experience for most of the boys. On one occasion, a friend of Hughes chartered a train to take them for a 20-mile ride.