

## SEOUL ANNOUNCES VIETNAM PULL-OUT

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SEOUL, South Korea, Nov. 6 —President Park Chung Hee announced Saturday that 10,000 South Korean troops would be brought home from South Vietnam, beginning next month. The withdrawal of these troops is scheduled to be completed by next June, in the first phase of a plan to withdraw all 48,000 South Koreans now stationed in that country.

South Korea's Prime Minister, Kim Jong Pil, said earlier this week that South Korea was considering pulling out all of its forces from South Vietnam by the end of next year. Word of the first Korean withdrawal also came yesterday from Saigon's Foreign Ministry.

South Korea is among the last of the Vietnam war allies to begin pulling out troops. At the plea of the Saigon Government, it had waited until after President Thieu was re-elected and inaugurated.

Saigon had asked for further delays, according to Defense Ministry sources here. But the steady withdrawals from South Vietnam of American forces, which have been supporting the South Korean troops, make it difficult for the latter to operate beyond 1972, the sources added.