

Big Pullout of Yanks, Dependents

Saigon

The stepped-up evacuation of Americans and their dependents continued yesterday as 20 flights left Tan Son Nhut airport here for Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

Each jet flight took between 70 and 90 persons.

About 1500 persons were expected to be evacuated yesterday and at least that many are scheduled for today.

There had been a slowdown in the huge voluntary evacuation of American retired military personnel and government contract employees living in Vietnam because they had been unable to get exit approval for their Vietnamese families.

Many men who had been living with Vietnamese women were unable to get properly married to them because of the difficulty in getting necessary approval from the Vietnamese authorities.

Now, with the OK of the Vietnamese — at who knows what quid-pro-quo — the process of getting exit documents has been centralized at the former military compound, known officially as the Defense Attache Office of the U.S. Embassy, in a matter of a couple of days.

Many Americans are trying to bring out as many of their wives relatives as they can.

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