

# Marine Landing Reported, Denied

## Tokyo

A U.S. Marine battalion has landed at Yung Tau, near Saigon, to help evacuate Americans and South Vietnamese, Japanese reports from Saigon said today.

The reports said the landing took place last night.

The newspapers Asahi and Yomiuri, in dispatches from Saigon, said the information came from "reliable South Vietnamese military sources."

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman, Major General Winant Sidle, said the report was "absolutely untrue." He

added that no landings were imminent.

White House Deputy Press Secretary John Hushen, accompanying President Ford on a trip to New Orleans, said there was "no validity to it at all."

The reports quoted the sources as saying the landing will continue today and at least a regiment of U.S. Marines numbering about 5000 men will make another landing today.

Vung Tau is a South Vietnamese naval base about 40 miles southeast of Saigon.

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