

**Australian Embassy
Leaves Viet Staff**

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SYDNEY, April 27 (AP)—

The weekend evacuation of Australia's embassy in Saigon has sparked political trouble at home because of reports that the departing diplomats refused to let Vietnamese staff members accompany them.

A foreign Ministry spokesman in Canberra confirmed Sunday that some of the embassy's Vietnamese employees "made representations" about leaving the country with the diplomats but were refused permission because they did not satisfy Prime Minister Gough Whitlam's criteria for refugees.

There were about 30 Vietnamese employees of the embassy and only one was aboard the last Australian flight, along with his family.

The spokesman said that in Australia's view a Viet-Cong takeover of Saigon would not threaten the employees' lives.