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**Some U.S. Correspondents Stay  
In Vietnam Despite Evacuation**

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A number of American correspondents elected yesterday to pass up seats on the United States evacuation shuttle and stay in Saigon, but a check of news organizations showed that most had ordered their American personnel to leave Vietnam.

At NBC, Mark Dandsman, director of news assignments, said the network's 11 staff members in Saigon had reported that they were leaving. He said Vietnamese and part-time correspondents from other nations were still available to NBC in Saigon as were South Vietnamese military personnel who make films for the network.

A CBS spokesman said that all that network's American staff members were believed to have joined the evacuation and that word had been received that two had reached offshore carriers.

Remaining behind in the CBS bureau and filing telephone and Telex reports when possible was a British schoolteacher who had sought refuge in the network's bureau in recent weeks. Six Vietnamese nationals also stayed in the bureau, the spokesman said.

An ABC spokesman said that one of its American correspondents and a two-man Irish camera crew were "going to stay" and that communications were still open to them.

At least four American correspondents of United Press International—Alan Dawson, Leon

Daniel, Paul Vogle and Charles Huntley—remained in Saigon last night after crowds of angry and frightened Vietnamese prevented them from boarding buses to evacuation points and then blocked access to the United States Embassy. Five others of the agency reached evacuation buses or the embassy.

A Dutch photographer and several Vietnamese staff members of the agency elected to stay behind.

Foreign Editor Nate Polowetzky of The Associated Press said "we have three American correspondents there" and "will depend on their decisions" on whether to leave Saigon. The correspondents are Peter Arnett, George Esper and Matt Franjola.

The New York Times said its two Saigon correspondents, Fox Butterfield and Malcolm W. Browne, were ordered to leave when Saigon was evacuated and there were strong indications that they had left, but no firm word.

The New York News said it had lost contact with Sarah Webb Barrell, an American part-time correspondent who had been reporting on the last days of the war for the paper.

The Washington Post said it had received word that its two reporters in Vietnam, H.D.S. Greenway and Philip A. McCombs, had left Saigon, but that no confirmation had been received.