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**U.S. and Thailand in Dispute
Over 125 Planes From Saigon**

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BANGKOK, Thailand, April 30 — A dispute has developed here over the fate of the 125 South Vietnamese Air Force planes that arrived in Thailand before the Saigon Government surrendered to the Communists.

The planes, among them C-17 and C-130 transports and F-5 fighters, are now parked at the huge U Taphao air base about 100 miles southeast of here. All have been impounded by the Thai Government, which has said that it plans to negotiate their return to Saigon with the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

But it is understood here that the United States authorities are unlikely to permit this. American officials are said to feel that the United States still has a proprietary interest in the aircraft because they were made available to the former Saigon Government under military aid programs.

The sudden influx of refugees

posed a delicate problem for the Thai Government, which had earlier announced that it would under no circumstances permit any Vietnamese to stay here for long.

Apparently in deference to the Thais' strong feelings on this matter, United States planes began moving the Vietnamese out of Thailand to Guam today it looked as if all would be moved there within the next few days.

There are still 2,000 to 3,000 Cambodian refugees in camps along the Thai-Cambodian border and at U Taphao, and the Thai Government has said they too must leave the country within 30 days. The 1,300 at U Taphao, came when the American Embassy in Phnom Penh was closed. According to an American Embassy official here, they are still being processed before being moved out of Thailand, probably also to Guam.