

THAILAND EXPECTS PULLOUT OF G.I.'S

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BANGKOK, Thailand, May 4. (Reuters)—At least 7,000 American troops will be withdrawn from Thailand by the end of July, according to Deputy Premier Pramuan Adirakarn.

The official told reporters last night that he could not say exactly how many troops would be pulled out. But he said that an official announcement would be made tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Chatichai Choonhavan denied a local press report that had quoted him as saying that half of the 23,000 United States troops in Thailand would be withdrawn by the end of June.

"I have never said so and I do not want to say anything because an official announcement will be made on Monday," he said.

The Foreign Minister said earlier that the number of the troops to be withdrawn "will be exciting."