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15 Foreigners On Saigon Flight

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The first flight to leave Saigon in almost three weeks carried only 15 foreigners instead of the 53 originally listed on the passenger register.

The aircraft, a DC-4 U.N. charter, left for Vientiene Friday. Officials in Saigon said another flight might leave within three days. The Friday passengers were mainly Japanese with some French citizens.

Saigon authorities yesterday strongly condemned abuses and "excessive zeal" by some new authorities," according to two communiques broadcast on radio and television. Abusive commandeering of vehicles and personal property and other "untimely measures" were criticized.

In Bangkok, Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj made a personal appeal in a television speech that there should be no rush to push American soldiers out of Thailand because the deadline for total withdrawal is next March.

In Cambodia, the Phnom Penh radio had a long commentary on defending the independence of the country. The broadcast followed a number of border skirmishes with Thailand and reported fighting with the Vietnamese.

The broadcast, monitored in Bangkok, said, "We are partisans of individuality and non-alignment... Problems can be resolved in the spirit of solidarity and mutual comprehension."