

# U. S. Rushing Materiel to So. Vietnam

SAIGON — (AP) — The United States is rushing millions of dollars worth of military supplies to South Vietnam in a crash program to beat the signing of a cease-fire agreement.

For the first time the South Vietnamese are getting four-engine C130 transport planes.

Both the U.S. Command and the 7th Air Force refused to discuss the military aid program. But informed sources said it goes well beyond the equipment originally planned for in the Vietnamization schedule.

The draft peace agreement, which calls for withdrawal of all American troops from Vietnam within 60 days of signing, stipulates that the United States can

replace existing military equipment including arto-one basis with weapons of the same characteristics or of similar characteristics and properties, under international supervision.

Anticipating the agreement will be signed soon, the Pentagon is sending scores of transports into Saigon from bases in the United States carrying military equipment including armored personnel carriers and \$1.3 million Chinook helicopters.

More C130s are scheduled to arrive soon for Saigon's air force, which has had only twin-engine C123 transports. They carry 24,000 pounds of cargo or 60 fully equipped troops; the C130s can handle more than 36,000

pounds or 92 fully equipped troops.

The C130 also has a speed of 360 miles per hour and a range of 2000 miles compared to the 230 miles an hour and 1000 for the C123s.

U.S. C5A cargo planes from the United States are also seen more frequently at Tan Son Nhut, unloading such big items as armored personnel carriers and Chinook helicopters. The helicopters, taken apart during flight, are being reassembled at Tan Son Nhut.