

# Final Viet Role For U.S. Military

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Maj. Gen. John E. Murray, an Army supply expert, was named yesterday as the senior U.S. military officer in South Vietnam once the American troop withdrawal is completed.

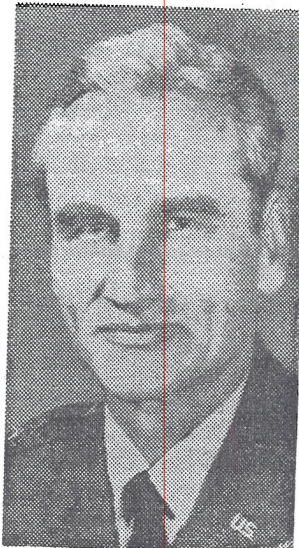
He is expected to command fewer than 100 U.S. servicemen.

Murray, 54, of Clifton, N.J., director of logistics for the U.S. Military Command in Saigon since November, will succeed Gen. Frederick C. Weyand, the U.S. commander in Vietnam since July, 1972, who is supervising the withdrawal of the more than 21,000 American troops left in Vietnam.

Murray's appointment, announced by the State Department, signals an official shift of emphasis from combat to supply for the post-withdrawal period that is to begin by March 28 under terms of the Paris cease-fire agreement.

His title will be U.S. military attache at the American embassy in Saigon.

Much of his work will relate to supervision of U.S.



**GEN. JOHN MURRAY**  
Gets top post in Saigon

military shipments to South Vietnam under the terms of the cease-fire, which allows replacement of worn-out hardware and certain supplies on a one-for-one basis.

It was not immediately known how many U.S. servicemen would work for Murray. But sources in Washington said the number is expected to be less than 100.