

# U.S. Minesweepers Return

## Washington

With the liberation of U.S. war prisoners on track again, the U.S. yesterday resumed the withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam and moved a naval minesweeping force back into position off Haiphong.

Both the troop pullout and the clearing on mines from North Vietnam's chief port were suspended last Wednesday after the Communist side delayed the freeing of another batch of American prisoners.

For the North Vietnamese, perhaps the most visible sign of U.S. displeasure was the abrupt halt in the clearing of explosives from the

## Terrorists Kill 4

### Bangkok

Terrorists killed four policemen and wounded ten in a raid on a 30-man police outpost in Phattalung Province, southern Thailand, early Saturday, reports from the province said yesterday.

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Haiphong ship channel after it had barely begun.

On orders from Washington, the mine-clearing force pulled up anchor last

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Wednesday and sailed out into the Gulf of Tonkin.

Several hours after 106 American POWs were freed in Hanoi, Pentagon officials reported that 15 U.S. naval vessels had returned to an anchorage off Haiphong.

In announcing in Saigon that the U.S. troop withdrawal had resumed, American military officials reported the level was down to 10,787 men. This is fewer than half of the 23,500 American troops who were in South Vietnam when the cease-fire agreement was signed on January 27.

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