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Britain Will Send No Troops To Viet Cong

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 4.—In the biggest evacuation of American military personnel since the fall of Dienbienphu, 4,000 Marines have been flown to Saigon as a measure against Communist infiltration, said the State Department.

The operation, codenamed "Southward Ho!," is designed to bolster the beleaguered position of the South Vietnamese armed forces in the border area.

Britain has already sent 8,000 troops to South Vietnam as a contribution to the Southeast Asian Defense Treaty.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson said today in a press conference that Britain's decision to send troops was "in the interests of the whole world." He added that the deployment was "a response to the growing threat of Communist infiltration.

In Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee agreed to the dispatch of the British forces, but some members expressed reservations about the wisdom of the move.

The deployment of British forces is expected to last for at least six months, and may be extended.

Britain has been under increasing pressure from the United States to contribute more to the war effort in Vietnam.

In Washington, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said that the British move was "a welcome contribution to the overall strategy of the war." He added that it would help to "de-link" Vietnam from the rest of the world.

The United States has been seeking to strengthen its position in Vietnam in order to reduce its dependence on the United Kingdom.

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