

# U.S. Evacuation Beginning in Yemen

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CAIRO, April 29—Thirty-four American aid employes and dependents, denounced by the Yemeni republican Government as "dangerous elements," were evacuated from Yemen today while the Saudi Arabian Government reported a new flare-up in Yemen's civil war.

The Yemeni Government, which demanded the withdrawal of the United States aid mission in Yemen Thursday, will indict two aid officials tomorrow, the United Arab Republic's Government press agency reported. They have been accused of trying to blow up an ammunition dump in Taiz. No date has been set for their trial.

Yemen has charged that the two Americans, Harold Hartman, 36 years old, of Baltimore and Stephen Liapis, 33, of Grand Forks, N. D., and other members of the United States Agency for International Development in Yemen had engaged in gun smuggling, espionage and sabotage. The United States has denied the charges, but announced that the mission staff and its dependents—more than 100 people in all—would be withdrawn and \$2.4-million-a-year aid program would be terminated.

## Ethiopian Plane Used

The 34 persons evacuated today departed for Asmara, Ethiopia, aboard a chartered DC-3 belonging to Ethiopian Airlines. The remaining aid officials and their families are to depart in small groups in the next few days.

There was no immediate confirmation of a Saudi Arabian Government report, broadcast from Mecca, of savage fighting between Yemeni royalist tribesmen and Egyptian troops, who are deployed in Yemen to shore up the republican regime. Saudi Arabia provides support to the royalists, who have been expected for some time to step up

their attacks on Government installations.

The Mecca radio reported that tribesmen led by Sheik Ali Ben Mohsen Pasha had ambushed a contingent of Egyptian troops moving to reinforce a unit engaging tribesmen led by Sheik Mohammed Mosleh Abdel Rab at al-Udain, in southern Yemen.

## 29 Reported Killed

The radio station said 29 Egyptians had been killed in the fighting, but did not say when the engagement took place.

Earlier this week royalists said they had killed 410 Egyptian soldiers and had shot down a Soviet-built Egyptian MIG fighter.

Observers here have said it was likely that the Yemeni Government wanted American aid officials out of Yemen because

it feared they would provide military intelligence valuable to royalist insurgents. The United States supports Saudi Arabia and opposes Egyptian military intervention in Yemen, where more than 30,000 Egyptian soldiers are now stationed.