

SUEZ TRAFFIC: TROOPS OUT? FAMILIES HOME

40 A Viscount Airliner brought to London Airport the first women and children evacuated from Suez. Altogether about 900 ~~women and children~~ are being <sup>flown</sup> ~~brought~~ back by an airlift spread over ten days. This is a precautionary measure. Though there was no immediate danger the authorities could not take the responsibility of leaving families there. Next day the Operation Nursery, as it was called, really got going. Arriving here were Dutch families as well as British. ~~Many~~ Their husbands are mostly employed by the Shell Oil Company.

Newport, Monmouthshire, was embarkation port for much military equipment on the way to the Middle East. All observers have been impressed by the speed of this efficient operation. Within a few days of the Government decision being taken // strong, well equipped forces will be in the trouble zone.

(98) Meanwhile invitations to the London Conference on the Canal have met with good response. The very holding of the Conference underlines the essentially international status of Suez. And whatever ~~is~~ emerges from the discussions Britain has taken steps to ensure that the Canal will not be closed.