

Vietnam Requirements Are Pushing U.S. Armed Forces over the Three-Million Level...

In keeping with Secretary McNamara's long-range plans, the total number of U.S. military personnel shrank in the latter half of calendar 1964, and the shrinkage continued until May, 1965, even after the buildup of U.S. forces in South Vietnam had begun. But after May the military-personnel curve rose steeply. By the end of June, 1967, according to plans already announced, the armed forces will have 452,000 more men than they had at the May low. As the chart shows, far more men have been added to the armed forces since May, 1965, than actually have been sent to Vietnam since then. A main reason for the disparity is that it takes a serviceman outside the theatre of war to support one in Vietnam.

