

Fly Gold from U. S. to Aid Britain Bank

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LONDON, March 15 — About 150 tons of gold from the United States vaults at Fort Knox, Ky., were flown to England today in six American air force planes to bolster England's gold reserves.

The operation was hush-hush all the way.

The planes landed at the American air base at Mildenhall, 60 miles northeast of London. The gold then was brought to Bank of England here by truck convoy escorted by London's elite "commando" units, a group of 200 uniformed metropolitan police used for special duties.

A spokesman at the American air force headquarters in London said, "This is not the first convoy of this type, but we cannot comment on it."

Soon after the devaluation of the pound last November, seven or eight loads of gold were flown from Fort Knox to Mildenhall for the Bank of England.

The first convoy, at that time, was made up of three large security trucks carrying about 360 million dollars in gold, and was escorted by armed detectives of Scotland Yard's flying squad.

Subsequent convoys were escorted by the police commandos.
