

Thailand Says B-52s To Leave This Week

BANGKOK — Thailand's military command announced yesterday that the United States will withdraw the last American B-52 bombers based here, removing from Southeast Asia the planes that played a major part in the Indochina war.

The Thai headquarters said the 17 planes will leave Utapao Air Base, about 100 miles south of here, on June 6 as part of the overall reduction of the U.S. presence in Thailand.

The announcement also said that 31 F-111 swing-wing fighter-bombers based at Korat, 300 miles northeast of here, would be withdrawn on June 15, and 7,500 U.S. servicemen would leave the country by the end of the month. Ubon military base, about 400 miles northeast of here, is also to be closed by the end of the month.

The eight-engine B-52s, like most of the 200 U.S. combat planes based in Thailand, have seen no battle action for nearly two years.

Vietnam Trade

SAIGON—North and South Vietnam have reopened the traditional sea-lanes between Hanoi's harbor, Haiphong, and Saigon, and the two countries are expected to begin trading food and manufactured goods soon, Vietnamese sources said.

South Vietnam needs the iron and coal produced in the North. North Vietnam needs rice, of which the South has surpluses, partly as a result of "miracle" strains introduced by the Americans.

Meanwhile, the new government here has begun a campaign with anti-American overtones to train children in the teachings of Ho Chi Minh, leader of the revolt against the French colonial rulers of Indochina.

Radio Liberation said children will be taught "not to read bad publications of decadent culture left behind by the Americans and their servants."

Envoy's Friend

SAIGON — Informed sources said U.S. Ambassador Graham Martin tried on the day before he left Saigon to arrange a shipment of antiques out of the country for a Vietnamese friend who later committed suicide.

The sources said they did not know if the dozens of crates of antiques made it out of the country. They belonged to South Vietnam's former ambassador to Thailand, Lt. Gen. Tran Ngoc Tam, who met Martin when

they were both stationed in Bangkok.

Cambodian Refugees

BANGKOK—Four of the 87 Cambodians who returned to their country Friday after taking refuge in Thailand came back to Thailand saying they feared they would have been executed as war criminals.

Prak Chin, a former air force lieutenant, said at the border town Aranyaprathet that he fled with several other people. They were fired on and only four made it across the border.

Meanwhile, a Cambodian broadcast reported that Mekong River traffic resumed when a convoy carrying medicine, salt and cloth left Phnom Penh for Kratie, to the northeast. The broadcast said the river downstream from Phnom Penh was still blocked by the wreckage of boats sunk during the war.

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Signs for Swimmers

Agence France-Presse

TRIER, West Germany, June 2—The International Congress of Life-saving Societies voted yesterday to establish a system of standardized international signs to warn swimmers against dangerous conditions.