

American Tourists Warned To Steer Clear of Laos

From News Dispatches

The U.S. embassy in Vientiane said yesterday that continued Pathet Lao occupation of an American facility there has created serious problems for the U.S. mission. It urged American tourists not to visit Laos.

An embassy official said occupation of the General Services Administration compound for more than a month has caused a shortage of administrative supplies and made repair of plumbing, generators, air conditioners and other embassy equipment impossible.

She said U.S. Charge d'Affaires Christian Chapman told Laotian Foreign Ministry officials over the weekend that the United States want to maintain diplomatic relations with Laos.

Meanwhile, Liberation Radio in Saigon reported that almost every family in Hanoi has at least one member in the armed forces, and that young men and women in the South are being given military training, including instruction in guerrilla warfare.

In a nonmilitary undertaking, the radio said, the provinces of Bienhoa and Long-Khanh, northeast of Saigon, are preparing to receive about 25,000 people being sent from the capital to the countryside to grow food.

Liberation Radio also disclosed that the chief of the notorious Conson Island prison had been captured after a sea chase. It identified him as Maj. Chinh Khuong and said he and 70 other officials from the prison off the southern coast of South Vietnam surrendered after trying to escape by sea following the release of prisoners from Conson's cells and "tiger cages" in May.

In another development, North Vietnam yesterday accused the United States and Thailand of trying to build a

radar station on the Thai-Vietnamese border to spy on Indochinese countries. The official North Vietnamese news agency said the radar station is designed to detect missiles and aircraft.

Meanwhile, a senior member of South Vietnam's government said there is no chance that the two Vietnams will be reunited in the near future.

Trinh Dinh Thao, vice president of the advisory council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, said security and education of the South Viet-

namese are the main problems.

The former president of South Vietnam, Nguyen Van Thieu, yesterday was reported likely to make his permanent home in Taiwan despite reports from London that he has applied for a visa that will permit him to visit Britain for six months.

Officials of the Nationalist Chinese Foreign Ministry in Taipei said they believe that Thieu may visit his 12-year-old son in London soon, but they think he will then return to Taiwan.