

# Laotians Free Jailed American

Vientiane, Laos

The Communist-dominated Laotian government, in what it called a "goodwill gesture" toward the United States, yesterday freed Rosemary Conway, an American citizen accused of spying.

She was held for more than two months without formal charges.

Miss Conway, 37, of Chicago, was to leave Laos today for Thailand.

A note from the Laotian Foreign Ministry to the U.S. embassy in Vientiane said she had confessed to "subversion, espionage, endangering the internal and external security of Laos, inciting to desertion aboard of Laotian air force officers with their planes, attempting to spread division among the Laos army and create disorder."

The note said she was freed in order to promote "better relations with the United States of America."

Miss Conway denied being an agent when she spoke to reporters through a jail window shortly after her arrest the first week of June.

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