

U.S. Planes to Leave Thailand by Jan. 15

All American combat planes will have left Thailand, the major staging point for air raids on Vietnam and Cambodia during the Vietnam war, by Jan. 15, it was announced yesterday in Bangkok.

U.S. and Thai military authorities said the last aircraft to leave would be 50 F-4 and A-7 fighters and AC-130 Hercules gunships now stationed at Korat Air Base northeast of Bangkok.

The Korat base will be closed by Feb. 29, leaving Utapao on the Gulf of Thailand as the only remaining U.S. Air Force base in the country. Utapao will only house U.S. personnel.

In Vietnam, Hanoi Radio announced that Hanoi had been chosen as the capital of Vietnam once the South and North are reunited. The radio said major reconstruction of the capital would precede reunification.