

**U.S. HEADQUARTERS
MOVING TO THAILAND**

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (UPI)—The Pentagon announced today that it was setting up a new Southeast Asia headquarters at a base in Thailand to control teams searching for missing United States servicemen and to direct any air activity after March 28.

The dual-purpose headquarters will be at Nakhon Phanom, the base on the Mekong River border with Laos, in the northeast, that has served as headquarters for the sensors dropped along the Ho Chi Minh Trail to detect Communist supply troop movements, a Defense Department spokesman said.

"We're looking to a time when the United States command and the Seventh Air Force headquarters will be gone from Saigon," the spokesman said. The Vietnam cease-fire requires both to be disbanded by the end of March, when all United States troops are to be withdrawn from Vietnam.

The Pentagon said approximately 1,000 men would be attached to the headquarters—roughly 200 with the casualty center and the rest assigned to air operations.

The headquarters is to be commanded by Gen. John W. Vogt Jr. of the Air Force, who is in charge of air operations in Southeast Asia.