

Red SAM 2 Sites in S. Viet

SAIGON — (UPI) — The Communists have five or six new SAM 2 antiaircraft missile sites under construction near the old U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh and in the nearby A Shau Valley in northern South Vietnam, in addition to two sites already built and manned, intelligence sources said yesterday.

In March, the United States protested to the Joint Military Commission that the two existing missile sites were a violation of the Paris peace agreement. The Communists said they were already in place when the truce began on Jan. 23. The issue was never wholly resolved.

The A Shau Valley was the launching point for the 1968 Tet offensive against Hue and Khe Sanh was a major staging area for the Commu-

nist offensive a year ago. Khe Sanh is 50 miles northwest of Hue; the A Shau is 30 miles southwest.

In another development, the Saigon government announced yesterday it had reached agreement with the Viet Cong to release 200 more civilian prisoners tomorrow. Command spokesman Lt. Col. Le Trung Hien said the release site would be moved from Loc Ninh, 75 miles north of Saigon, to Quang Tri City, 400 northeast of the capital.

A dispute between the International Commission for Control and Supervision and the Provisional Revolutionary Government over the width of air corridors for ICCS helicopters has blocked release of the Communist civilians for more than a week.