

U.S. Marines Pulled Out Of Thailand

Departure Linked To Laos Agreement

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BANGKOK, Thailand — The last 1,800 U.S. Marines have left Thailand but America's Navy chief says they can move back just as fast if needed to defend the country against the Communists.

Departure of the Marines Sunday left the defense of Thailand to the 2,000-man U.S. 27th Infantry Wolfhounds, skilled in jungle fighting, and the 90,000-man Thai army, U.S.-trained and equipped.

The American forces moved into Thailand in May when pro-Communist guerrillas in Laos had swept to the Thai border. That was the guerrillas' last big push before the formation of a coalition regime pledged to take Laos out of the cold war.

Thai officials made plain Sunday they don't have much confidence in the ability of Laos to steer a neutral course and prevent Communist infiltration into Thailand and South Viet Nam.

Ready to Return

Adm. George W. Anderson, U.S. chief of naval operations, said in Bangkok that the Marines could return to Thailand "with utmost celerity whenever needed."

U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Todd Young declined to discuss the reason for the Marines' leaving, but he emphasized that the withdrawal had been discussed with Thai officials, first when 1,000 Marines were flown out early in July and again when it was decided to pull the entire unit out.

The Marines left their base at Udorn, 40 miles below the Laos border, and were flown out to Okinawa. Support personnel and heavy equipment will be sent to Bangkok Tuesday by rail and moved out by ship two or three days later.

Geneva Accord

The Marines' departure obviously was linked to the 14-nation agreement signed in Geneva last week guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Laos. The withdrawal apparently signified a lessening of concern in Washington over the security of Thailand's border.

In statements to the local press, the Thai government has expressed fear that the Geneva agreement does not provide sufficient guarantees to prevent an eventual Communist takeover in Laos.

Thai officials say that North Vietnamese who fought with the Pathet Lao guerrillas may never be weeded out, and the danger of Communist infiltration into Thailand will thus continue.

Swedes Hail Ike's Apology

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologized to the Swedes for saying two years ago that socialism in Sweden had resulted in a soaring suicide rate, an increase in drunkenness and a lack of ambition.

Eisenhower told a welcoming crowd of 2,000 at the Stockholm railway station he was wrong—"I admit it, and I apologize for my error."

The crowd cheered. Eisenhower said his remark, made in Chicago at a Republican breakfast, had been based on what he had read in an American magazine.

"Since then," he said, "I have had many friends who have returned from Sweden and who have told me that I was wrong."

The former president, his wife and two grandchildren are touring western Europe.

Ohioan Elected

PORTLAND (AP) — Donald R. Stautberg, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the new president of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference. He was named Saturday at the closing session of the organization's 19th biennial convention.



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Mosley Melee

Spectator clutches face of drum playing follower of British fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley as fighting breaks out during demonstration march by Mosley's supporters in streets of Manchester, England, Sunday. Mosley himself was knocked to the ground as attackers moved in on the march staged by his extremist rightwing British Union movement.

(AP Wirephoto)

Woman Dies 10 Days After Being Burned

PORTLAND (AP) — Critical burns suffered in a fire ten days ago caused the death Saturday of Judy W. Armstrong, 41, Portland.

Police said she was visiting

After Being Burned

the apartment of D. W. Cannon in northeast Portland when the fire occurred.

Cannon told police he was dozing on a couch when he awoke to see the woman in a chair, enveloped in flames.

Food Prices Boosted

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Big price increases for basic foodstuffs went into effect Monday in Communist Bulgaria as an incentive to farmers to produce more.

Russia's 'Most Modern' Fleet Paraded

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union has built the world's most modern navy, its chief claims. Adm. Sergei Gorshkov said the fleet's basis is atomic submarines armed with rockets and torpedoes with nuclear warheads.

The Soviet naval commander made the boast Sunday in a Pravda article commemorating Navy Day. Part of the celebra-

tion included a television program from the Baltic port of Leningrad showing a submarine that resembled American nuclear-powered underwater craft.

Many Western experts believe the Soviet navy includes subs capable of underwater firing of missiles similar to the American Polaris.

"The Soviet fleet now is more modern than the navy of any capitalist country," Adm. Gorshkov wrote in Pravda.

"The basis of our naval fleet is atomic submarines armed with powerful rockets and homing torpedoes with nuclear warheads. They have high speed, great depth of submergence and can operate for extended periods in the most distant regions."

Soviet Vice Adm. S. Zakharov said Saturday Soviet nuclear submarines are faster and more

maneuverable than American subs.

In another Navy Day article, Gorshkov said in an interview with Sovetskaya Rossiya that his new submarines have journeyed under the Arctic ice cap, a feat first accomplished by the American nuclear sub Nautilus in August 1958.

Trud, the labor union newspaper, carried an eyewitness account of missiles weighing "several tons" being launched from submarines during last week's Barents Sea fleet exercises.

Reports of the Barents Sea exercises, which were witnessed by Premier Khrushchev, convinced some Western naval specialists that Russia now has the Polaris-type weapons systems which it has boasted of for some time.

The highlight of the three-hour telecast of Soviet fleet units in Leningrad's Neva River was a five-minute sequence of submarine No. 329 as it submerged and surfaced while sailing downriver. The sub, which appeared much like U.S. nuclear-powered submarines, was submerged with only its periscope showing as it passed the television cameras.

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LONDON (AP) — The Royal Air Force is sending three victor B-MK2 v-bombers from its No. 139 squadron to Jamaica for the island's independence celebrations Aug. 6. That date also is the 21st anniversary of No. 139, known as the "Jamaica Squadron."

Streetcars Sold

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Vacationer Gerald Brookins of Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday bought two of this city's streetcars, which have been operating continuously since 1907. The price was not disclosed. Brookins said the cars will be shipped to a museum he has in Cleveland's Columbia Park.

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