

# Laos to Ratify Geneva Pact

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VIENTIANE, Laos — Pro-Communist Prince Souphanouvong will take temporary command of Laos' new coalition government late this month.

Neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma, premier designate of the new government, said Tuesday he and right-wing leader Gen. Phoumi Nosavan will be in Europe at the same time. During their absence, he said, "the whole burden of state affairs will fall on Souphanouvong."

Phoumi, like Souphanouvong slated to become a deputy premier, will lead a Cabinet delegation to Switzerland June 24 or 25 to ratify the 14-nation Geneva agreement on Laos pledging the little Southeast Asian nation to neutrality in the cold war.

Souvanna said he is going to France to attend the wedding of his daughter.

Just what powers Souphanouvong will be able to wield while running Laos was not clear. The bulk of the Cabinet posts are invested in neutralists, and the coalition agreement stipulates that all decisions related to the ministries of defense, interior and foreign affairs must have the unanimous agreement of the three faction leaders—Souvanna, Souphanouvong and Phoumi.

### Pressure Welcomed

Souvanna, Souphanouvong's half brother and ally in pro-Communist maneuvering, welcomed the American pressure that forced the right-wing Vientiane regime to give way to the coalition. But Souphanouvong has shown no softening in his anti-American position.

The next step in what the United States hopes will take Laos out of the cold war will be for Souvanna to present the new government to King Savang Vathana. He plans to do this in the royal capital of Luang Prabang Monday.

Prince Boun Oum, the prime minister of the pro-Western royal government in Vientiane, flew with Gen. Phoumi to Luang Prabang Wednesday to submit his government's resignation.

### Troop Withdrawal

Phoumi's delegation to Geneva will sign a pledge of neutrality agreed upon 13 months ago by such big powers as the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, Red China and France.

The Geneva accords call for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Laos within 75 days after the agreement is signed by a unified Laotian delegation. This applies to the several hundred U.S. military advisers to the royal army, and an estimated 10,000 Communist North Vietnamese troops and some Red Chinese advisers reported aiding the Pathet Lao.

All foreign military personnel and civilian, captured or interned during the civil war are to be released within 30 days of the signing of the agreement. Five Americans are known to be prisoners of the Pathet Lao.

## Peru Awaits Presidential Vote Results

LIMA, Peru (UPI) — Police armed with submachine guns patrolled the streets here Tuesday night, alert for violence arising from uncertainty over the outcome of Sunday's presidential election. No trouble was reported.

All three of the principal presidential candidates — middle-of-the-roader Fernando Belaunde Terry, moderate leftist Victor R. Haya de la Torre and rightist ex-President Manuel Odría — claimed victory in the vote.

Most of what impartial information there was appeared to support Belaunde's claim of victory. The independent newspaper La Prensa, however, reported Wednesday that Haya was ahead with 579,600 votes to 568,800 for Belaunde and 487,250 for Odría. These figures gave Haya about 35 per cent of the total vote, a safe margin over the 33 per cent needed to insure election.

If none of the three leading candidates receives a third of the vote, Congress will choose a president from among them.

Official vote-counting did not begin until Tuesday, and it was reported proceeding slowly. The official results of the election will not be known for days.

## U.S. Extends Training Plan

BAD TOELZ, Germany (AP) — Guerrilla warfare and counter-revolutionary tactics being taught to a group of American soldiers here will be extended throughout the U.S. Army in Europe, military officials disclosed Tuesday.

It is part of President Kennedy's program for preparing American armed forces for any kind of hostilities.

Members of the 10th special forces in this village south of Munich are receiving intensive training to operate as self-contained battle teams behind enemy lines.

Instruction, geared to the Iron Curtain countries, covers the languages, politics, and geography of every major area in Central and Eastern Europe.

Many of their activities are still considered secret, but they are learning judo, knife handling and underwater demolition.

The group here is headed by Col. Salve H. Matcheson, 41, of Monterey and Los Angeles, Calif. It is composed of approximately 500 combat-ready paratroopers. All are volunteers.

In Heidelberg, Gen. Paul Freeman, commander of the U.S. Army in Europe, told a group of visiting newsmen that the training in how to deal with subversive activities and political problems will be extended to other units under his command.

## Woman Dies in Crash

SANDY (AP)—Thelia Ann Kimbro, 26, Estacada, was killed Tuesday night when her car left Highway 211 four miles south of Sandy. State police said the woman was alone in her car when it struck a guardpost and veered off the road.

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## Obstacle to Space Flights

# Soviet Cites Solar Menace

By JOSEPH L. MYLER  
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WASHINGTON—A Soviet scientist warns that the Sun may be firing deadly nuclear bullets broadside at any astronaut who try to visit the Moon from 1966 through 1970.

This is precisely the period in which the United States hopes to land three-man Apollo crews on the Moon and bring them safely home again.

A spokesman said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was well aware of the solar menace to space travel mentioned by the Russian scientist, Prof. G. Pokrovsky of Moscow.

NASA, the spokesman said, hopes means of forecasting solar bombardments, and thus avoiding them, may be found before the first Apollo crews are sent into orbit around the Moon in 1966.

From time to time gigantic eruptions, or flares, occur on

the face of the Sun. They are associated with sunspots. Some of the larger eruptions, known as cosmic ray flares, spew myriads of high energy particles into space.

These particles are protons, the core of hydrogen atoms. Traveling at many thousands of miles a second, they constitute one of the most serious obstacles to manned space flight.

Material shields dense enough to protect astronauts from them

will be prohibitively heavy until considerably more powerful rockets are developed than any now in the cards for 1966-70.

Writing on "Flights to the Moon, Mars, and Venus" in a Moscow publication, Pokrovsky said manned trips to the Moon "should be made during the period of the quiet Sun."

He said parenthetically that "this would appear to exclude the years of high solar activity 1966-70."

## Portland May Get Legion Convention

PORTLAND (AP)—Four American Legion officers will begin a four-day convention here Thursday as a possible site for the 1966 convention.

Local officials estimate a national legion convention would bring more than 50,000 persons to the city.

The visitors will include

James V. Demarest, New York, national convention chairman; Harry L. Foster, San Diego, vice chairman; Maurice Stember, New York; and James R. Ringley, Chicago.

## New Controls Guide X15 On Test Run

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—X15 Pilot Bob White, testing a new control system 34 miles above the earth, says that for the first time he saw whiffs of steam from tiny jets that stabilize the rocket plane in space.

"I don't know why the jets should be visible," the Air Force major said after the flight Tuesday. "Perhaps there is more air, more moisture at that altitude than we have thought."

Scientists have stated that the atmosphere, for all practical purposes, ends at about 90,000 feet. In the near vacuum expected above that altitude, the hydrogen peroxide steam from the jets should disintegrate before it can condense into visible vapor.

The X15 has exceeded 90,000 feet on more than 20 flights. None of the pilots, however, had reported seeing the exhaust from the peroxide jets, similar to the ones that stabilize Mercury astronaut capsules in orbit.

In two of the three X15s, the jets must be operated manually. The advanced model flown Tuesday has a system that makes their control almost automatic.

White said the new system will simplify the pilot's job when the X15 tries for a 400,000 foot altitude later this year.

White's flight, starting 218 miles north of here in Nevada, lasted 10 minutes.

The X15 reached an altitude of 180,000 feet and a speed of 3,545 miles an hour Tuesday. It previously has gone to 246,000 feet and 4,093 m.p.h.

## Youth Listed AWOL Korea Reds Claim GI on Their Side

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Pyongyang radio says an American soldier has taken refuge in Communist North Korea and likes what he has seen—"people leading free, happy and peaceful lives."

The soldier was identified as Pvt. Larry A. Abshier, 18, of Cleveland, Ohio. The U.S. Army said he apparently was the first American defector to the Reds in Korea since the end of the Korean War.

**Red Carpet Reception**  
Abshier, serving with a reconnaissance squadron along the armistice line, was last seen running across the no man's land toward the north on May 28. He ignored calls to turn back.

The North Koreans say they gave the young GI a red carpet reception, taking him to the capital of Pyongyang and other cities.

Pyongyang radio quoted Abshier as saying he was fed up with the "doings of the U. S. Army in South Korea" and calling on American troops to "oppose the war machinations of the American rulers and demand that they be returned to their homeland at once."

The youth's father, George, told of the comments attributed to his son, expressed doubt that his son actually made the statements. The elder Abshier said his son had written a few months ago that he liked the Army and was considering making the Army a career.

### Father Doubts

Contacted at his home in Garfield Heights, a Cleveland suburb, the father told newsmen the language used in the statement didn't sound like his son's vocabulary.

Abshier has served in Korea since May 26, 1961, two weeks

after he joined the Army in Chicago. His tour of duty here was due to be completed in July.

The Pyongyang broadcast said Abshier was surprised at what he found in North Korea.

U. S. Army authorities in Seoul had no comment on Abshier's purported remarks. He was officially listed as still AWOL—absent without leave. Normally, a soldier is not considered a deserter until he has been missing a month.

## U.N. Faces Fund Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United Nations may have to borrow up to \$3 million within the next 10 days to meet expenses for its emergency force in the Congo and Middle East and its routine operations, officials said Wednesday.

They said, however, that the United Nations hopes to avoid such borrowing by the sale of U.N. bonds and the receipt of new governmental contributions.

Officials said the U.N. cash position is much better than it was at this time last year because eight countries already have purchased \$20,870,000 of the \$200 million bond issue authorized by the General Assembly last December.

## Two Pilots Bail Out

TOKYO (AP)—Two Japanese Sabre Jets collided Tuesday and plunged into the sea off Ojika Peninsula, 200 miles northeast of Tokyo. The two pilots bailed out safely. One was picked up by a fishing boat, the other by a helicopter.

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